

City of North Little Rock Zoning Ordinance



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Amendments

1.	Ordinance 7707	May 9, 2005	Electronic Signs
2.	Ordinance 7711	May 23, 2005	Side Yard Fences
3.	Ordinance 7719	June 27, 2005	East Broadway Sign Overlay
4.	Ordinance 7758	Nov. 28, 2005	Permitted Use List
5.	Ordinance 7780	Jan. 23, 2006	Mobile storage containers/definitions
6.	Ordinance 7800	Mar. 16, 2006	JFK Sign Overlay
7.	Ordinance 7805	Mar. 16, 2006	Camp Robinson Sign Overlay
8.	Ordinance 7843	July 24, 2006	Outside Display in C-6
9.	Ordinance 7857	Sept. 11, 2006	River Road Overlay
10.	Ordinance 7870	Oct. 23, 2006	Traditional Neighborhood Dev.
11.	Ordinance 7920	Mar. 26, 2007	Historic District Boundary
12.	Ordinance 7936	Apr. 23, 2007	Fences, Ice Vending Trailers
13.	Ordinance 7966	July 23, 2007	Mobile Storage Containers
14.	Ordinance 7976	Aug. 21, 2007	Mobile Storage Containers
15.	Ordinance 7984	Sep. 10, 2007	Camp Robinson Sign amend

ORDINANCE NO. 7697

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE OLD ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 3171) AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO; ADOPTING A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3171, as amended, regulating the use of real property within North Little Rock has become outdated and difficult to enforce; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 3171 has been amended on numerous occasions, making its compilation and administrative use as a reference increasingly difficult; and

WHEREAS, reasonable and enforceable regulation of zoning provisions benefits public health, safety and welfare, enhances the value of the properties so regulated; and

WHEREAS, the request to repeal and replace Ordinance 3171 was duly considered and unanimously approved by an affirmative vote of nine (9) members of the North Little Rock Planning Commission at a regular meeting thereof held on January 11, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: Ordinance No. 3171 and subsequent amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: The City of North Little Rock, Zoning Ordinance 2005, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2: North Little Rock Municipal Code § 118-1 (4) is hereby amended to reference the proper Ordinance Number of the new Zoning Ordinance upon passage thereof

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: It is hereby found and determined that the adoption of this Ordinance is immediately necessary to insure the proper and orderly growth of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, to insure the proper use of real property within the City of North Little Rock, and is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after March 17, 2005.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK ZONING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE ONE AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

Section 1.1 - Authority

These regulations are adopted under the authority cited in Arkansas Code Annotated §14-56-401 et seq., and shall be known as the City of North Little Rock Zoning Ordinance and may be cited as such.

Section 1.2 – General Purpose

These regulations are intended to carry out the goals and intent of the Land Use Plan of the City of North Little Rock. Specifically, these regulations divide the city into zones. Within these zones or districts, it regulates the location, height, bulk, number of stories, and size of buildings; open space; lot coverage; density and distribution of population; and the uses of land, buildings, and structures. It does so in order to achieve the following objectives:

- A. Efficiency and economy in the process of development;
- B. The appropriate and best use of land;
- C. Convenience of traffic and circulation of people and goods;
- D. Safety from fire and other dangers;
- E. Adequate light and air in the use and occupancy of buildings;
- F. Healthful and convenient distribution of population;
- G. Adequate public utilities and facilities;
- H. Good civic design and arrangement; and
- I. Wise and efficient expenditure of funds.

Section 1.3 – Establishment of Zoning Districts

The City of North Little Rock is divided into the following zones or districts:

Residential

R-O Single-Family
R-1 Single-Family
R-2 Single-Family
R-3 Two-Family
R-4 Multi-Family
R-5 Group or Terrace Housing
R-6 Single-Family Medium Density
RT-1 Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivision

Commercial

C-1 Professional Office
C-2 Local Shopping Center
C-3 Community Shopping
C-4 Heavy Commercial
C-5 Central Business
C-6 Downtown Commercial

Industrial

I-1 Community Industrial Park
I-2 Light Industrial Parks
I-3 Industrial Park

Other

CON Conservation
G/W Greenbelt & Wetland
PUD Planned Unit Development
TND Traditional Neighborhood Devel.

Section 1.4 - Boundaries

The boundaries of each zone or district shall be as shown on the map entitled North Little Rock, Arkansas Zoning Map, which is a part of this Ordinance.

The following rules shall apply in determining the location of district boundaries:

- A. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerline of streets, highways, alleys, railways, or waterways or other natural features shall be construed as following such centerlines.
- B. Boundaries indicated as approximately following section lines, part section lines or city limits shall be construed as following these lines.
- C. Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines.
- D. Boundaries indicated as following shorelines shall be construed to follow the shoreline, and in the event of change in the shoreline shall be construed as moving with the actual shoreline.
- E. Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features indicated above shall be so construed.

- F. When distances are not specifically indicated on the map, they shall be determined by reference to the description contained in the ordinance adopting them and any accompanying maps used to indicate the intentions of the ordinance. Written dimensions shall take precedence over scaled measurements.
- G. Where the street or property layout existing on the ground is at variance with that shown on the Official Zoning Map or where, for other reasons uncertainty exists as to the location of a district boundary, the Board of Zoning Adjustment shall interpret the location of the boundary.

Section 1.5 – Territorial Jurisdiction for Zoning

This ordinance shall apply to all lands within the corporate limits of the City of North Little Rock and 2 miles beyond the corporate limits where zoning has been established.

ARTICLE TWO DEFINITIONS

Section 2.1 – General

For the purpose of this ordinance the following rules shall be followed:

- A. Words, phrases, and terms defined by this ordinance shall be interpreted and used as they are defined.
- B. Words, phrases, and terms not defined by this ordinance but defined in the building code shall be interpreted and used as they are defined in the building code.
- C. Words, phrases, and terms defined neither by this ordinance nor in the building code shall be given their usual and customary meanings except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
- D. The text of the regulation shall control captions, titles, and maps.
- E. The word “shall” is mandatory; the word “may” is permissive.
- F. Words used in the singular include the plural and words used in the plural include the singular.
- G. Words used in the present tense include the future tense and words used in the future tense include the present tense.

Section 2.2 – Definitions

Abandoned sign: A sign that for at least 12 months has not identified a bona fide business such as a lessor, service, owner, product or activity.

Abutting: Having property or district lines in common.

Access: A way of approaching or entering a property for persons, fire department and other uses.

Accessory building/structure: A subordinate building/structure, the use of which is clearly incidental to, or customarily found in connection with, and located on the same lot as, the use of the main building or principal use of the land.

Accessory Use: A subordinate use that is clearly incidental to, or customarily found in connection with, and on the same lot as, the main use of the premises.

Adaptive Use: Rehabilitation of a historic structure for use other than its original use such as a residence converted into offices.

Addition: New construction added to an existing building or structure.

Administrator: The person, designated by the director to enforce this chapter.

Administrator/Administrative Official or Officer: The person(s) designated by the City of North Little Rock to administer this ordinance.

Amortization: Process by which nonconforming use and structures must be discontinued or made to conform to requirements of the ordinance at the end of a specified period of time.

Adult Arcade: Any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated, or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five or fewer viewers at one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of “SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES” or “SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS”.

Adult Bookstore or Adult Video Store: A commercial establishment which, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more books, magazines, periodicals, or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, or video reproductions, slides, or other visual representations which depict or describe “SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES” or “SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS”; or instruments, devices, or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with “SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES”.

Adult Cabaret: A nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial establishment which regularly features persons who appear in a state of nudity or live performances which are characterized by the exposure of “SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS” or by “SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES” or films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction of “SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL ACTIVITIES” or “SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS”.

Adult Daycare Center: An establishment that provides, on a regular basis, assistance or care for five or more unrelated adults for a period of less than twenty-four hours a day and which receives a payment, fee, or grant for the adults attending the facility, whether or not operated at a profit.

Adult Motion Picture Theater: A commercial establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are regularly shown which are characterized or distinguished by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to “SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES” or “SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS”.

Adult Theaters: A theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment, which regularly features persons who appear in a state of nudity or live performances which are characterized by the exposure of “SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS” or “SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES”.

Alley: A narrow public way that affords a secondary means of access to abutting properties and not intended for general traffic.

Alter: Any structural change in the supporting or, load-bearing members of a building, such as bearing walls, columns, beams, girders, floor joists.

Alteration: To replace, exchange, reconstruct, renovate, move, relocate, animate, enlarge, or decrease in size.

Animated sign: Any sign which incorporates in any manner mechanical movement or apparent movement achieved by electrical pulsations or other means such as sequential light phasing. Animated signs are prohibited.

Annexation: The process used by a municipality to add surrounding areas to the city and extending its municipal services, regulations, voting privileges, and taxing authority to new territory.

Antique and Furniture Auction House: A business which regularly offers for sale to the highest bidder antiques and items of household wares and furniture, office wares and furniture and appliances.

Antique: Fine art object or household furnishing which is at least 50 years old and was characteristic of a specified period in a specific country.

Apartment: See Multi-Family Dwelling.

Area of Influence: The affected area to be notified for public hearing as determined by a specific type of construction, alteration, restoration, moving or demolition as described in the individual categories found in the guidelines for review adopted by the History Commission.

Auto Repair, Major: General automobile repair including the rebuilding or reconditioning of engines, motor vehicles, or trailers, including body work, welding, painting service, muffler services, and/or transmission repair.

Auto Repair, Minor: Incidental automobile repair or service normally associated with the routine service of automobiles or the repair or replacement of minor automobile parts, including oil changing and lubrication, upholstery cleaning, and other incidental service and repair work.

Awning: A shelter projecting from and supported by the exterior wall of a building constructed on non-rigid materials on a supporting framework.

Awning sign: A sign painted on, printed on, or attached flat against the surface of an awning.

Balloon sign: Any display capable of being expanded by air or other gas used on a permanent or temporary basis to advertise a product or event. Balloon signs are prohibited.

Banner sign: A sign made of fabric or any non-rigid material. The maximum size of a banner is 5 feet vertical and 20 feet horizontal.

Bed-and-breakfast: An owner-occupied dwelling unit that contains no more than five guest rooms where lodging, with or without meals, is provided for compensation.

Bench sign: Any sign attached to or a part of a sitting bench. Bench signs are prohibited.

Billboard: Any sign.

Billboard site: One sign structure regardless of the number of faces. A location containing multiple billboards not exceeding 15 feet in distance between the closest point of the billboards is one billboard site.

Board of Adjustment: The term Board or Board of Zoning Adjustment shall mean the Board of Adjustment established by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

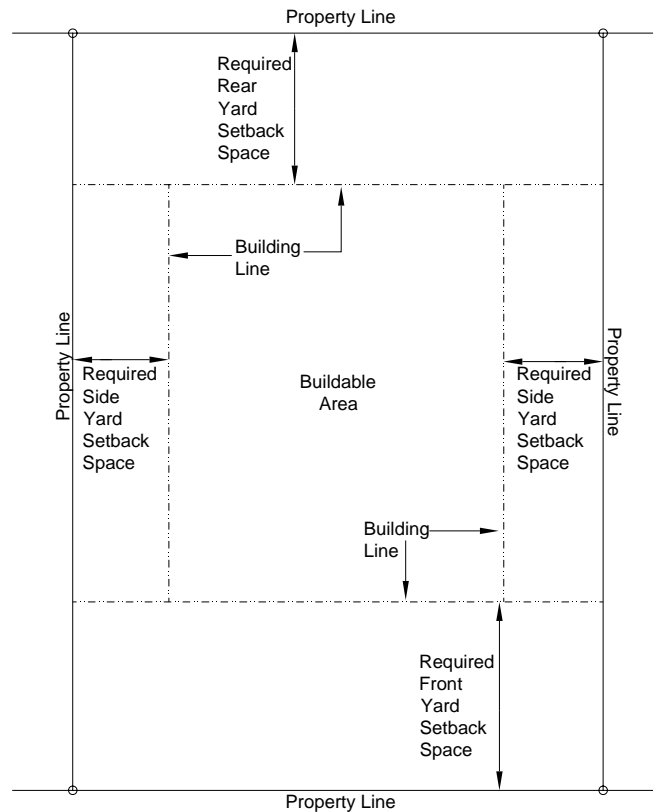
Boarding house: A building other than a hotel, where lodging with or without meals for five or more persons are provided for compensation. A boarding house may also include the dwelling unit occupied by the owner or operator.

Building: Any structure enclosed and isolated by exterior walls constructed or used for residence, business, industry or other public or private purposes, or accessory thereto, and including tents, lunch wagons, dining cars, trailers, free-standing billboards and signs, fences, retaining walls, and similar structures whether stationary or movable.

Building, principal: A building in which the main or principal use of the lot on which it is located is conducted.

Building line: A line across a lot that establishes the area within which the principle structure may be placed or erected.

Figure 1: Building Line



Car Wash: A building or area that provides facilities for washing and cleaning motor vehicles, which may use production line methods with a conveyor, blower, or other mechanical device, and which may employ hand labor.

Carport: A roofed structure providing space for the parking of motor vehicles and enclosed on not more than two sides.

Certificate of Appropriateness: A document awarded by a preservation commission allowing an applicant to proceed with a proposed alteration, demolition, or new construction in a designated area or site, following a determination of the proposal's suitability according to applicable criteria.

Certificate of Economic Hardship: A certificate issued by the history commission authorizing an alteration, construction, removal or demolition of a property within a historic district.

Certificate of Occupancy: Official certification that a premise conforms to provisions of the zoning ordinance and building code and may be used or occupied.

Changeable copy sign (electronic): A sign on which the copy changes automatically on a lamp bank or through mechanical means. These electronic activated changes are allowed in 15 second intervals, with no illusion of motion. Time and temperature characters may change at real time.

Changeable copy sign (manual): A sign on which copy is changed manually in the field, e.g., reader boards with changeable letters.

Character: The qualities and attributes of any structure, site, street or district.

Church or Place of Worship: A building(s) that people regularly attend to participate in or hold religious services, meetings, and other activities.

City: The City of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Clearance (of a sign): The smallest vertical distance between the grade and the lowest point of any sign, including framework and embellishments, extending over that grade.

Clinic, dental or medical: A building in which a group of physicians, dentists, and professional assistants are associated for the purpose of carrying on their profession, provided no overnight patients are kept on the premises.

Club or lodge: A building or structure, lot or land use area used as a private club or social organization not conducted for profit or gain.

Commercial District: Any C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4 C-5 or C-6 District.

Commercial Tree Service: A person who performs work on trees for profit.

Commission: The North Little Rock Planning Commission.

Completely enclosed structure: A building enclosed by a permanent roof and by solid exterior walls pierced only by windows and entrance and exit doors.

Conditional Use: A use permitted in particular zoning district upon review and authorization by the Planning Commission and in accordance with Article 16.

Construction sign: A temporary sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the sign is located. One construction sign for each street frontage of a construction project, not to exceed 16 square feet in sign area per face in residential zones or 64 square feet in sign area in all other zones. Such signs may be erected ten days prior to beginning of construction and shall be removed ten days following completion of construction.

Contemporary: Reflecting characteristics of the current period. Contemporary demotes characteristics which illustrate that a building, structure or detail was constructed in the present or recent past rather than being imitative or reflective of a historic design.

Copy: The wording on a sign surface in either permanent or removable letter form.

Corner lot: See Lot, Corner.

Daycare Center: Any place, home, or institution which receives eleven or more children under the age of 16 years, and not of common parentage, for care apart from their natural parents, legal guardians or custodians, when received for regular periods of time for compensation.

Demolition: Any act which destroys in whole or in part a building or structure.

Demolition by neglect: The destruction of a building or structure through abandonment or lack of maintenance.

Design Guidelines: Criteria developed by preservation commissions to identify design concerns in an area and to help property owners ensure that rehabilitation and new construction respect the character of designated buildings and districts.

Detached structure: A structure having no common wall with another structure except an accessory structure.

Detailing: Architectural aspects that, due to particular treatment, draw attention to certain parts of features of a building.

Directional/information sign: A sign that does not exceed 2 feet square and no more than 4 feet in height, giving direction to a specific location, instructions or facility information. The sign may contain the business name or logo and an arrow for direction of travel, but no advertising or commercial copy.

Director: The director of the department of the city designated by the mayor as having authority and responsibility under this chapter.

Drip-line: An imaginary vertical line that extends downward from the outermost tips of the tree branches to the ground.

Double-faced sign: A sign with two faces.

Dwelling unit: Any room or group of rooms located within a structure forming a single habitable unit with facilities that are used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking, eating and sanitation by one household or family.

Easement: A right given by the owner of land to another party for specific limited use of that land.

Electrical sign: A sign or sign structure in which electrical wiring, connections or fixtures are used.

Element: A material part or detail of a site, structure, street, or district.

Entrance Area: The area of access to the interior of the building including the design, location, and materials of all porches, stairs, doors, transoms, and sidelights.

Estate sale sign: A temporary sign erected for the purposes of advertising the sale of personal property of a private estate.

Exterior Architectural Features: The architectural style, design and general arrangement of the exterior of a structure, including the kind and texture of the building material and the type and style of all windows, doors, light fixtures, sign and other appurtenant fixtures.

Fabrication: Manufacturing, excluding the refining or other initial processing of basic raw materials such as metal ores, lumber or rubber. Fabrication relates to stamping, cutting, or otherwise shaping the processed materials into useful objects.

Façade: The entire building front including the parapet, wing walls, etc.

Face of sign: The area of a sign on which the copy is placed or message conveyed.

Family: One or more persons occupying premises and living as a single, non-profit housekeeping unit provided that, unless all members are related by blood or marriage, the number of persons shall not exceed five.

Fence: A structure greater than two feet in height, serving as an enclosure, barrier, or boundary and usually made of exterior grade materials such as treated pine, cypress, cedar, redwood, chain-link, or plastic.

Festoon: A string of ribbons, tinsel, small flags, pinwheels or similar objects. Festoons are prohibited.

Final Plat: The last official action of the approving governmental authority taken on a development plan that has been given preliminary approval after all conditions and requirements of preliminary approval have been met and the required improvements have either been installed or guarantees properly posted for their installation, or approval conditioned on the posting of such guarantees.

Fine arts: Individual art pieces not mass produced consisting of one or more of the following: Paintings, drawings, etchings, sculptures, ceramics, inlays, needlework, knitting, weaving, and/or craftwork: leather, wood, metal or glass.

Fixture: A small structure or part of a structure used by the occupants of the premises for the purpose of containing, holding containers of, or incinerating garbage, trash, and similar waste products, or for landscaping, such as bird baths, ornamental statuary, arbors, rock gardens, monument flagpoles, ornamental lampposts and similar decorative features but not including enclosed buildings.

Flashing sign: A sign which contains an intermittent or sequential flashing light source used primarily to attract attention. Flashing sign does not include a changeable (electronic) copy sign, or sign which through reflection or other means, creates an illusion of flashing of intermittent light. Flashing signs are prohibited.

Flood Plain: The land area susceptible to inundation by water as a result of a flood. The United States Congress designated the 100 year flood plain as the base flood elevation in most regulatory concerns.

Floodway: The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

Freestanding sign: A permanently attached sign on a freestanding pole or other support so that the bottom edge of the sign is 9 feet or greater above grade in pedestrian areas or 13 feet or greater in vehicular areas.

Frontage: The length of the property line of any one premises along a public right-of-way on which it borders.

Frontage, building: The length of an outside building wall on a public right-of-way.

Garage Apartment: A dwelling unit for one family erected as a part of a private garage.

Garage, parking or storage: Any building, except one herein defined as a private garage, used exclusively for the parking of motor vehicles and with not more than 3 pumps for the incidental sale of gasoline.

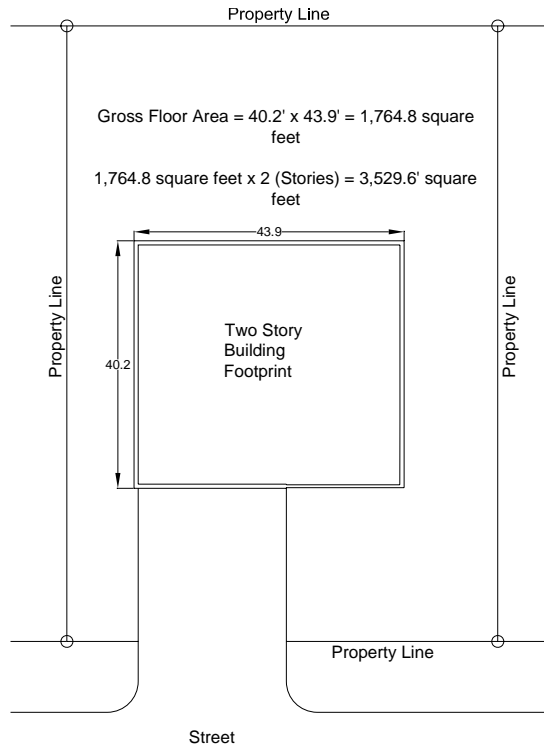
Garage, private: A detached accessory building or portion of a main building, used for the storage of vehicles, or other property.

Garage, public or repair: Any premises, except those described as a private or parking garage, used for the storage or care of motor vehicles or where any such vehicles are equipped for operation, repaired or kept for remuneration.

Government sign: Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the city, county, state or federal government for traffic direction or for designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, or for providing information concerning public services or events, public properties, or public facilities.

Gross floor area: The sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of a building, including interior balconies and mezzanines. All horizontal dimensions are to be made between the exterior faces of walls, including the walls of roofed porches having more than one wall. The floor area of a building shall include the floor area of accessory buildings, on the same lot, measured the same way.

Figure 2: Gross Floor Area



Ground level: A horizontal plane passing through the average of the highest and lowest elevation of the ground along that facade of the building or structure which is nearest the street. In the absence of any building or structure, the points shall be located on the front setback line between the two side setback lines (or between the side lot lines, if no side setback is specified in the district).

Ground mounted sign: A permanently attached sign, other than a freestanding sign, in which the entire bottom of the sign is in contact with the ground or is close to the ground and is independent of any other structure.

Habitable story: Has at least 4 feet between the ground level and the ceiling joists, enough area to provide a habitable room with net floor-to-ceiling distance of 7 ½ feet over half the floor area of the room and constitutes a habitable room as defined in the building code.

Halfway House: A licensed home for inmates on release from more restrictive custodial confinement or initially placed in lieu of such more restrictive custodial confinement, wherein supervision, rehabilitation, and counseling are provided to mainstream residents back into society, enabling them to live independently.

Hanging sign: Any sign suspended from an awning or canopy.

Hazardous tree: A tree of tree parts with high probability of falling or causing injury or property loss; also a tree harboring insects or a disease that could be detrimental to surrounding trees.

Height (of a building): The vertical distance as measured through the central axis of the building from the elevation of the lowest finished floor level to the highest point of the building.

Height (of a sign): The vertical distance measured from the highest point of the sign, including decorative embellishments, to the grade of the adjacent street or the surface grade beneath the sign, whichever is less (compare “clearance”).

Highest and Best Use: The use of property that will bring to its owner the greatest profit if offered for sale.

Historic District: A geographically definable area with a significant concentration of buildings, structures, sites, spaces, or objects unified by past events, physical development, design, setting, materials, workmanship, sense of cohesiveness or related historical and aesthetic associations. The significance of a district may be recognized through listing in a local, state, or national register and may be protected legally through enactment of a local historic district ordinance administered by a history commission.

Home daycare: All home daycares shall be the full-time residence of the caregiver and operated in a single family home. Keeping more than 4 children (excluding family members) constitutes a home daycare. The number of children cared for in a home daycare, including the caregiver’s own children, shall not exceed 10 children.

Home occupation or profession: A non-residential use carried on within a dwelling, which is clearly subordinate to the residential use and which does not outwardly change the residential character of the use, lot, or structure.

Hospital: An institution providing health services, primarily for in-patients, and medical or surgical care of the sick or injured, including as an integral part of the institution, such related facilities as laboratories, out-patient departments, training facilities, central service facilities and staff office.

Hotel: A building containing guest rooms in which lodging is provided with or without meals for compensation, and which is open to transient or permanent guests, or both.

Identification sign: A sign whose copy is limited to the name and address of a building; institution, or person and/or to the activity or occupation being identified.

Illegal sign: A sign which does not meet the requirements of this chapter and which has not received legal nonconforming status.

Illuminated sign: A sign with an artificial light source incorporated internally or externally for the purpose of illuminating the sign.

Incidental sign: A sign, emblem or decal informing the public of facilities or services available on the premises, e.g., a credit card sign or a sign indicating the hours of business. Incidental signs shall not exceed 5 square feet in aggregate sign area per occupancy.

Industrial district: Any 1-1, 1-2, or 1-3 District.

Junk yard, including automobile wrecking or salvage yard: A lot or part thereof used for the storage, keeping or abandonment of junk, including scrap metal or vehicles or machinery or parts thereof. Junkyards, wrecking yards and salvage yards are prohibited from the City of North Little Rock zoning territories.

Kennel: Any lot or premises on which are kept five or more dogs, more than six months of age. Residences are restricted to four dogs over six months of age.

Kitchen: Any room appropriated either wholly or partly to cookery.

Laboratory, medical or dental: A laboratory that provides bacteriological, biological, medical, x-ray, pathological and similar analytical or diagnostic services to doctors or dentists. No fabricating is conducted on the premises except the customary fabrication of dentures or other dental replacements.

Laboratory: A building or part of a building devoted to the testing and analysis of any product or animal (including humans). No manufacturing is conducted on the premises except for experimental or testing purposes.

Landmark: A building, structure, objects or site which is identified as a historic resource of particular significance.

Lodging house: See Boarding House.

Lot Line, Rear: The lot line opposite to the front lot line.

Lot Line, Side: Any lot line other than a front or rear lot line.

Lot Lines: The boundaries of a lot.

Lot Area: The total horizontal area included within lot lines.

Lot Depth: The mean distance between the front lot line and the rear lot line.

Lot Line, Front: The lot line that abuts the street. On a corner lot, the recorded plat may designate the front lot line.

Figure 3: Lot Area

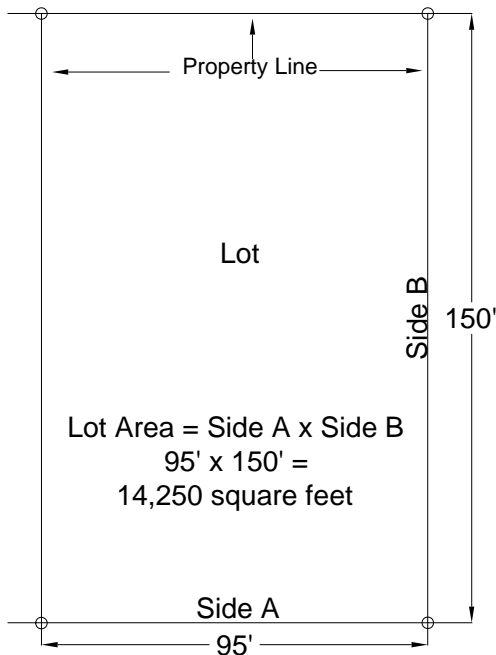
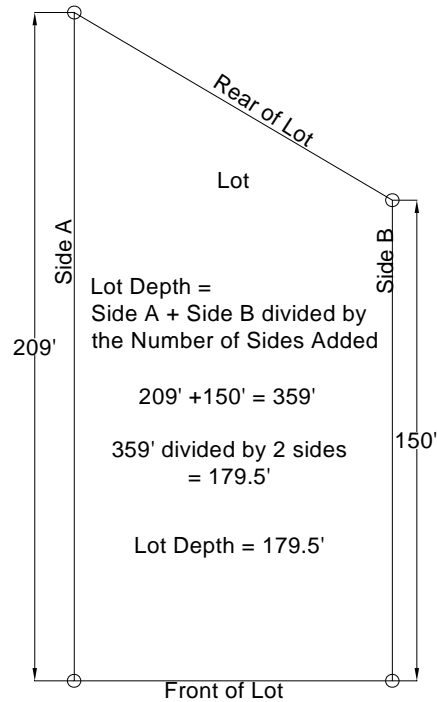


Figure 4: Lot Depth



Lot: means a parcel of land legally defined on a subdivision map recorded with the assessment department or land registry office, or a parcel of land defined by a legal record or survey map.

Lot of record: A lot that has been submitted and approved through the development review process by the proper governmental authority(s); such as the County Planning Department or the City Planning Department.

Lot width: The mean distance between the side lot lines of a lot.

Lot: A legally described portion of a subdivision or plat intended as a unit for sale or ownership or for development.

Lot Line, Side Street: In the case of a corner lot, the side lot line that abuts the street.

Lot, Corner: A lot at the junction of and fronting on two or more intersecting streets.

Lot, Interior: A lot that does not abut more than one street.

Lot, through: An interior lot having frontage on two streets that do not intersect. (Also called double frontage lots.)

Maintenance: means the cleaning, painting, repair or replacement of defective parts of a sign in a manner that does not alter the basic copy design or structure of the sign.

Major expansion: Any addition in floor area equivalent to 5,000 square ft, or greater than 50% of existing space.

Mansard: A steeply sloping ornamental roof-like structure commonly used on exterior walls of buildings having a flat or nearly flat roof.

Manufacture/Manufacturing: The mechanical or chemical process of transforming materials or substances into new products, including the assembly of component parts, the creation of products, and the blending of materials such as lubricating oils, plastics, resins, or liquors.

Manufactured home park: A parcel of land under one ownership that has been planned and improved for the placement of two or more manufactured homes for rental purposes for non-transient use.

Manufactured home subdivision: A tract of land that has been subdivided into platted lots intended for sale to individual property owners, and allowing single-family manufactured home residency on each lot.

Manufactured home: A factory built residential dwelling constructed in accordance with the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, intended for single family residential use and transported to a dwelling site as one or more sections on a permanent chassis.

Marquee: A permanent roof-like structure or canopy of rigid materials supported by an extending structure from the façade of a building.

Marquee sign: Any sign attached to or supported by a marquee structure. All permitted marquee signs shall have a minimum clearance of 13 feet over any vehicular use area and 9 feet over any pedestrian use area. Marquee signs shall not exceed one-third square foot of sign area per each linear foot of marquee frontage.

Massing: Volume, magnitude or overall size of a building.

Figure 5: Side Street Lot Line

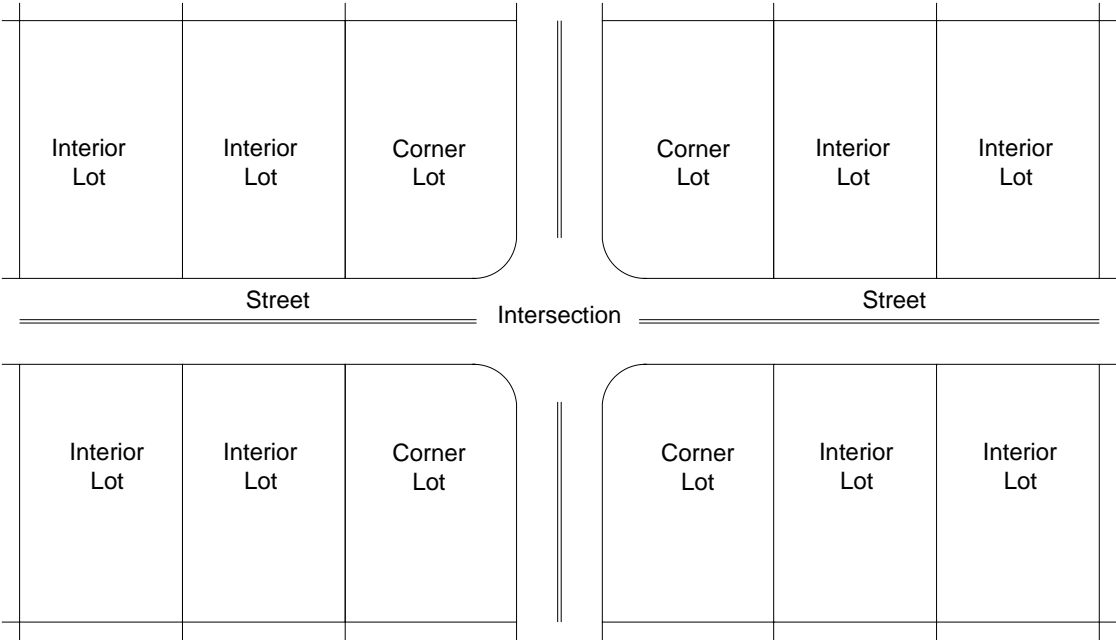


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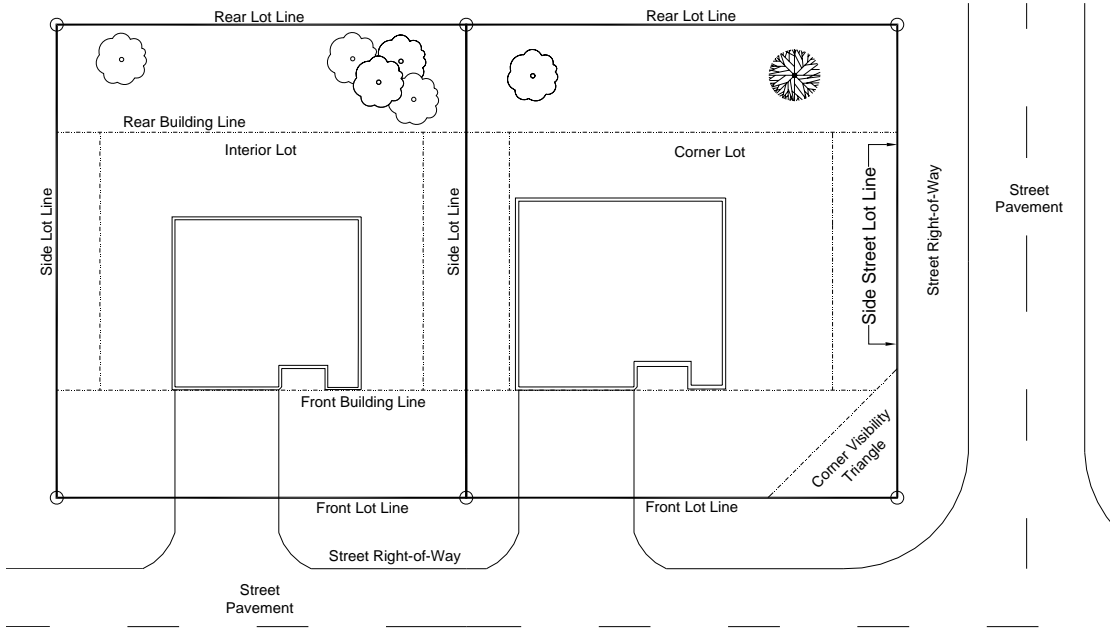
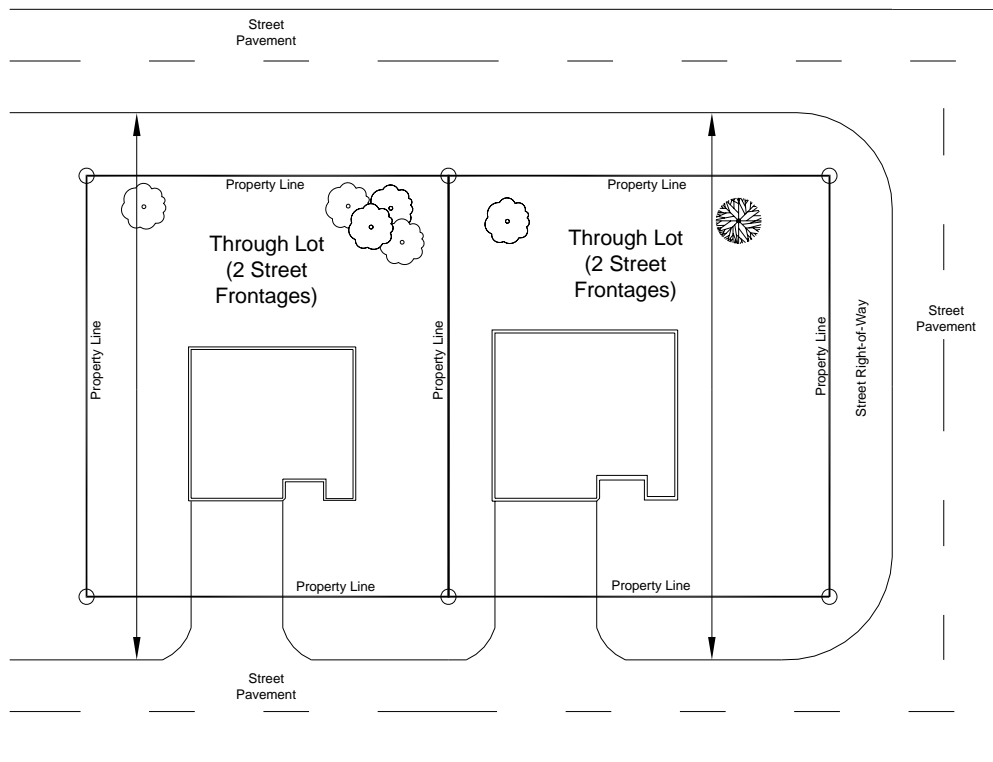


Figure 7: Through Lots



Mobile home: A factory built residential dwelling built prior to enactment of the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards.

Mobile Storage Container: A portable storage unit, which includes but not limited to: cargo containers, shipping containers, truck boxes, truck trailers and train cars. Mobile homes, manufactured homes and recreational vehicles shall not be used as mobile storage containers. Mobile storage containers are not permitted as accessory structures in residential areas.

Modular home: A factory built structured constructed to meet local building code standards.

Motel: An area containing one or more buildings designed or intended to be used as temporary sleeping facilities of one or more persons or families and intended primarily for automobile transients.

Multi-Family Dwelling: A structure designed for or occupied by three or more families living independently of each other, each having at least 600 square feet of gross floor area, separate housekeeping and cooking facilities, and entrances for each family.

Museum: A non-profit, non-commercial establishment operated as a repository or a collection of nature, scientific or literary curiosities or objects of interest or works of art, not including the regular sale or distribution of the objects collected.

Nameplate: A non-electric on-premises identification sign giving only the name, address and/or occupation of an occupant or group of occupants.

Nonconforming sign: A sign which was erected legally but which does not comply with subsequently enacted sign restrictions and regulations.

Nudity or State of Nudity: The appearance of the bare human buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals, or female breast or a state of dress which fails to opaquely cover a human buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals, or areola of the female breast.

Nursery/Green House: An enterprise conducting retail and wholesale sale of plants grown on the site as well as accessory items such as pots, potting soil, fertilizers, insecticides, rakes, shovels, etc., but not including power equipment such as gas or electric lawnmowers and farm implements.

Nursing home or convalescent home: A structure designed or used for residential occupancy and providing limited medical or nursing care for occupants, but not including a hospital or mental health center.

Occupancy: The portion of a building or premises owned, leased, rented or otherwise occupied for a given use.

Off-premises sign: A sign structure advertising an establishment, merchandise, service or entertainment, which is not sold, produced, manufactured or furnished at the property on which the sign is located, e.g., billboards or outdoors advertising.

On-premises sign: A sign which pertains to the use of the premises on which it is located.

Open house sign: A temporary sign denoting that a house, apartment, or other such property which is for sale is held open for public viewing.

Ordinary Maintenance: Those improvements which do not change but simply upgrade a structure.

Overlay district: A zoning district that encompasses one or more underlying zones and that imposes additional requirements in addition to that required by the underlying zone.

Owner: A person recorded as such on official records. For the purposes of this chapter, the owner of property on which a sign is located is presumed to be the owner of the sign unless facts to the contrary are officially recorded or otherwise brought to the attention of the administrator, e.g., a sign leased from a sign company.

Owner of Record: The person, corporation, or other legal entity listed as owner on the records of Pulaski County.

Painted wall sign: A sign which is applied with paint or similar substance on the face of a wall.

Parapet: The extension of a false front or wall above a roof line.

Parish house/Parsonage: A residence for a minister, priest or rabbi in connection with the operation of a church.

Parking Area, public: An open area, other than a street, used for the temporary parking of 2 or more automobiles and available for public use.

Parking space (off-street): A space on private land, accessible from a street or alley, recommended 9 feet wide and 20 feet long exclusive of passageways.

Pedestrian sign: Any sign oriented to pedestrian or street level visibility (including window signs, awning signs, hanging signs, nameplates, and plaques).

Permanent mounting: To set, fix or secure in or on a support, thereby allowing such sign to become a fixed object to be used for the purpose of which it was intended.

Permitted structure: A structure meeting all the requirements established by this ordinance for the district in which the structure is located.

Permitted use: A use that is allowed in a zoning district subject only to the requirements pertaining to all uses in the district.

Person: An individual, firm, corporation, partnership, business, group of individuals, city department or other entity which acts singly or collectively for a common purpose.

Planned Unit Development (PUD): A development of land that is under unified control and is planned and developed as a whole in a single development operation or programmed series of development stages. The development may include streets, circulation ways, utilities, buildings, open spaces, and other site features and improvements.

Plat: A map showing the location, boundaries and ownership of individual properties that officially records ownership changes and lot divisions.

Point of purchase display: Advertising of a retail item accompanying its display, e.g., an advertisement on a product dispenser.

Pole cover: A cover enclosing or decorating poles or other structural supports of a sign.

Political sign: A temporary sign used in connection with a local, state, or national election or referendum. No political sign shall be allowed to be placed within eight feet of the curb or edge of pavement on any public street except when flush mounted on a building face of a permanent building nor will they be permitted to interfere with safe sight distance for vehicle turning movement. Political signs in residential zones shall be limited in sign area to 16 square feet per face of sign.

Portable sign: Any sign designed to be moved easily and not permanently affixed to the ground or to a structure or building.

Poster panel: A billboard containing up to 300 square feet of sign area.

Premise: A parcel of land with its appurtenances and buildings which, because of its unity of use, may be regarded as a conveyable unit of real estate.

Premises: A general term meaning part or all of any lot or part or all of any building or structure or group of buildings or structures located thereon.

Pre-school: A facility designed for the day care and education of 5 or more children under legal age to attend public or private grammar school.

Processing: Any operation changing the nature of material or materials such as the chemical composition or physical qualities. Does not include operations described as fabrication.

Product Assembly: A joining together of completely fabricated parts to create a finished product.

Professional office: An office that a member of a recognized profession maintains for the conduct of that profession.

Projecting sign: A sign, other than a flat wall sign, which is attached to and projects from a building wall or other structure not specifically designed to support the sign.

Proportion: Relationship of height to width of the building outline as well as individual components.

Public Facilities: A building or complexes owned by a government entity used to host events open to the public that have the capacity to at least 300 people.

Public grounds: Areas including street rights-of-way, alleys, parks, medians, substations, treatment plants, plazas, squares, public buildings and any other area designated for public use.

Public Notice: The classified advertisement of an event, such as a preservation commission meeting, that is published in the local newspaper and posted in the city government building in order to notify the general public of the upcoming event.

Real estate sign: A temporary sign of 16 square feet or less advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease or sale. Real estate signs must be removed 14 days following sale, rental or lease.

Recreational vehicle: A vehicle designed to be self propelled or towed by another vehicle and used for recreational camping, travel, or seasonal living, but not as a permanent dwelling.

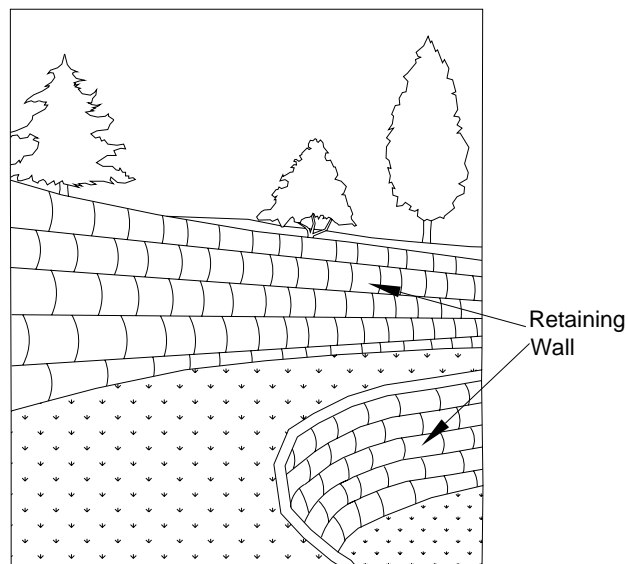
Recreational vehicle park: A lot or parcel of land used for the accommodation of recreational vehicles for recreational camping and transient dwelling purposes.

Residential accommodations: Any building or part of a building used or intended to be used for sleeping accommodations by a person or group of persons. Other house keeping accommodations also may be provided.

Retail: The selling of goods or merchandise to the general public for personal or household consumption and rendering services incidental to the sale of such goods.

Retaining Wall: A wall which does not support any habitable structure and erected between lands of different elevations to prevent erosion and/or slope failure.

Figure 8: Retaining Wall



Rhythm: A harmonious or orderly recurrence of compositional elements at regular intervals, including the location of doors and the placement of windows, symmetrically or asymmetrically and their relative proportion.

Roadside food stand: A permanent structure for the display and sale of food products to passersby with no tables, chairs, or dining facilities for customers.

Roadside produce stand: A structure or vehicle utilized for the display and sale of produce.

Roof Area: The outside covering of a building or structure extending above the vertical walls including the form, material, and texture of the roof, and including the slope and pitch, spacing of roof covering; size, design, number and location of dormers, the design and placement of cornices, and the size, design, material, and location of chimneys.

Roof sign: Any sign erected over or on the roof of a building. Roof signs are prohibited.

Rotating sign: A copy in which the sign itself or any portion of the sign moves in a revolving or similar manner. Such motion does not refer to methods of changing copy.

Scale: The relative dimension, size, degree or proportion of parts of a building to one another or group of buildings.

Scenic corridor: A public right-of-way which in the opinion of the city council exhibits special aesthetic and visual characteristics worthy of protection through enhanced billboard regulation.

School: A building or part of a building used for education or instruction.

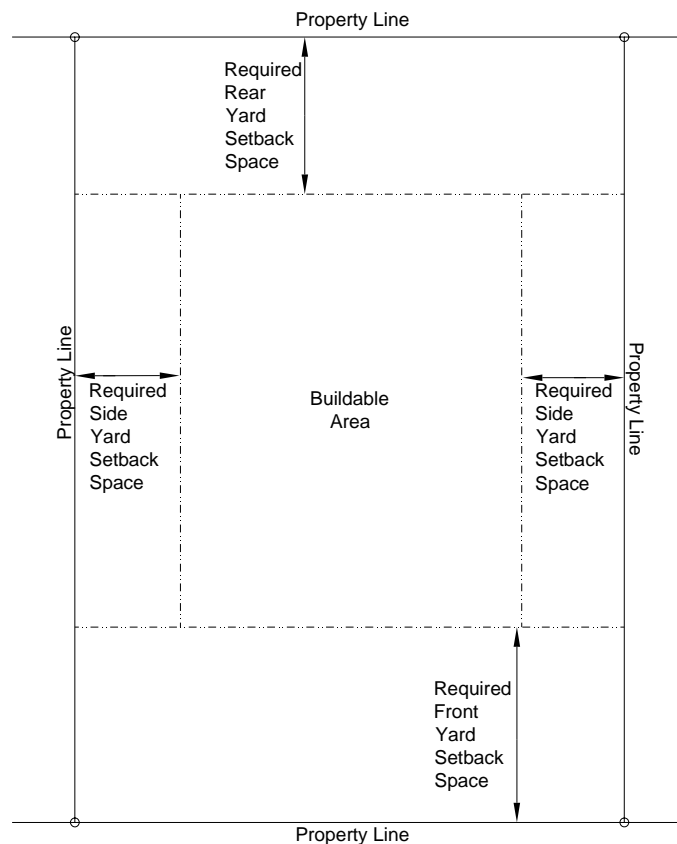
Self-Storage: A structure containing separate, individual, and private storage spaces of varying sizes leased or rented on individual leases for varying periods of time.

Semi-Nude: A state of dress in which clothing covers no more than the genitals, pubic region and/or female breast, as well as portions of the body covered by supporting straps or devices.

Sexually oriented businesses: An adult arcade, adult bookstore or adult video store, adult cabaret, adult motion picture theater, or adult theater whose inventory, merchandise, or performances are characterized by a preponderance of "SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES" or "SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS" by this or any other city ordinance.

Setback space: The required, space between a lot line and the building line.

Figure 9: Setback Space



Shop: A retail store where goods or services are sold or performed.

Sight triangle: A triangular shaped piece of land established at a street intersection in which nothing is erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to limit or obstruct the sight distance of motorist entering or leaving the intersection. The sight triangle is measured from the intersection of the two right-of -ways, a distance of 25 feet along each right-of-way. Within this sight triangle there shall be no obstruction to vision between a height of 2 feet and a height of 9 feet above the average grade of each street at the centerline of the street. Street name signs, fire hydrants, street lighting poles and associated appurtenances thereto shall be permitted within this area.

Sign: Any attention gathering device, structure, balloon, festoon, fixture or placard using imagery, graphics, symbols, and/or written copy designed specifically for the purpose of advertising or identifying any establishment, product, goods or services.

Sign, area of: That area enclosed by one continuous line connecting the extreme points or edges of a sign. The area shall be determined using the largest sign area or silhouette visible at any one time from any one point. This area does not include the main supporting sign structure but all other ornamental attachments, inner connecting links, etc., which are not a part of the main supports of the sign, are to be included in determining sign area.

Signboard: Any flat sign mounted or applied to a building façade.

Single-Family Dwelling: A detached structure with housekeeping and cooking and designed for or occupied by only one family and any domestic servants employed on the premises.

Site built home: A home that is built on location and where no construction of the home is prefabricated and pieced together.

Sitting: Location of a building in relationship to the legal boundaries and setbacks, adjacent properties, and the natural conditions of the site.

Snipe sign: A temporary sign or poster affixed to a tree, telephone poles, public benches, fence, etc. or placed on public property or in the public right of way. Snipe signs are prohibited.

Special use: Uses that cannot be properly classified in any particular district or districts without consideration, in each case of the impact of those uses upon neighboring land and of the public need for the particular location.

Specified Anatomical Areas: Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic regions, buttock, and female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola and human male genitals in a discernible turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

Specified Sexual Activities: Human genitals in a state of stimulation or arousal, the acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse, sodomy, fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttock or female breast.

Storage: The safekeeping of goods or property for a fee.

Store: A use devoted exclusively to the retail sale of a commodity or commodities.

Story: That part of a building between the surface of a floor and the ceiling immediately above, the minimum distance being 7.5 feet.

Street: A dedicated and accepted right of way for vehicular traffic or private property ways that affords the principal means of access to abutting property.

Street right-of-way: The area designated for city improvements on both sides of the street.

Structural feature: Any part of a structure that is designed for or intended to accommodate any given use.

Structure: Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attached to something having a location on the ground, but not including fences up to 60 inches in height, or poles and appurtenances thereto used for the provision of public utilities.

Subdivision identification sign: A ground mounted sign identifying a recognized subdivision, condominium complex, or residential development, not to exceed 32 square feet in area and 6 feet in height.

Temporary sign: A sign not constructed or intended for long-term use, and not permanently attached to the ground, a building or structure.

Texture: Any improvement or tactile surface characteristics created by shape, arrangement and distribution of the component materials.

Topping: Also referred to as hat-racking, stubbing, dehorning and heading; it is the severe removal of the tree canopy back to large stubs.

Trailer sign: Any sign that is attached to a frame with wheels (or with the wheels removed) and designed in a manner that allows it to be moved easily. Trailer signs are prohibited.

Tree: Any self-supporting woody perennial plant, usually having a main stem or trunk and many branches, and at maturity normally attaining a height of over ten feet and a trunk diameter greater than three inches at breast height (DBH).

Two-Family Dwelling: A structure designed for or occupied by two families living independently of each other, with at least 600 square feet of gross floor area, separate housekeeping and cooking facilities, and entrances for each family.

Under-canopy sign: A sign suspended beneath a canopy, ceiling, roof or marquee.

Unobstructed open space: Land not occupied by a building or structure.

Use by temporary permit: A use that is established for a limited time period and permitted by this ordinance.

Use: The principal purpose for which a building, lot, sign or structure is intended, designed, occupied or maintained.

Uses, nonconforming: Any use of a building, structure, lot or land, existing at the effective date of this ordinance that does not conform to the use regulations of this ordinance for the district in which it is located.

Variance: An exception to strict interpretation of regulations of this code, granted by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in instances where strict enforcement of the ordinance would cause undue hardship due to circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration.

Vehicular sign: Any sign displayed on a parked or moving vehicle, where the primary purpose of the vehicle is to advertise a product or business or to direct people to a business or activity. Vehicular signs shall not include business logos, identification, or advertising on vehicles primarily used for other business purposes. Vehicular signs are prohibited.

Wall Area: The vertical architectural member used to define and divide space including the kind and texture and exposure of wall sidings and trims, and the location, number, and design of all window and door openings.

Wall sign: A sign attached parallel to the wall of a building. Wall signs include painted, individual letter and cabinet signs and signs on a mansard.

Warehousing: The storage of goods, property, and merchandise in a warehouse.

Wetland: Those areas that are inundated and saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

Wholesale: The sale of goods in quantity usually for resale by a retail merchant.

Window sign: A sign installed inside a window and intended to be viewed from the outside. Window signs shall not exceed 25 percent of the total window space. Incidental signs, when placed inside a window shall not be included in this 25 percent measurement.

Yard, front: The open space between the front building line and front lot line.

Yard, rear: The open space between the rear building line and the rear lot line.

Yard, side: The space between the side building line and the side line(s).

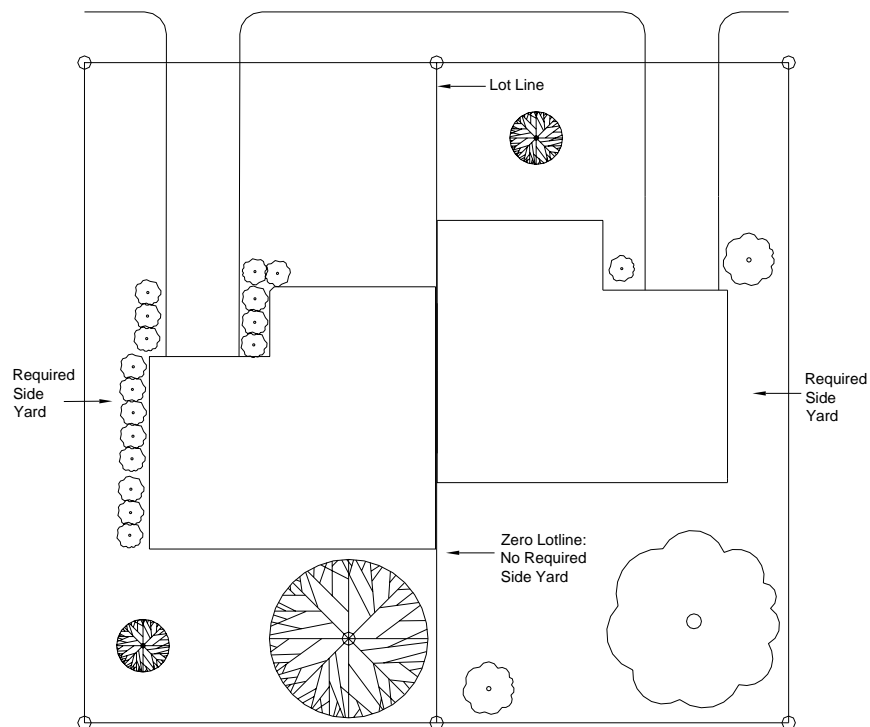
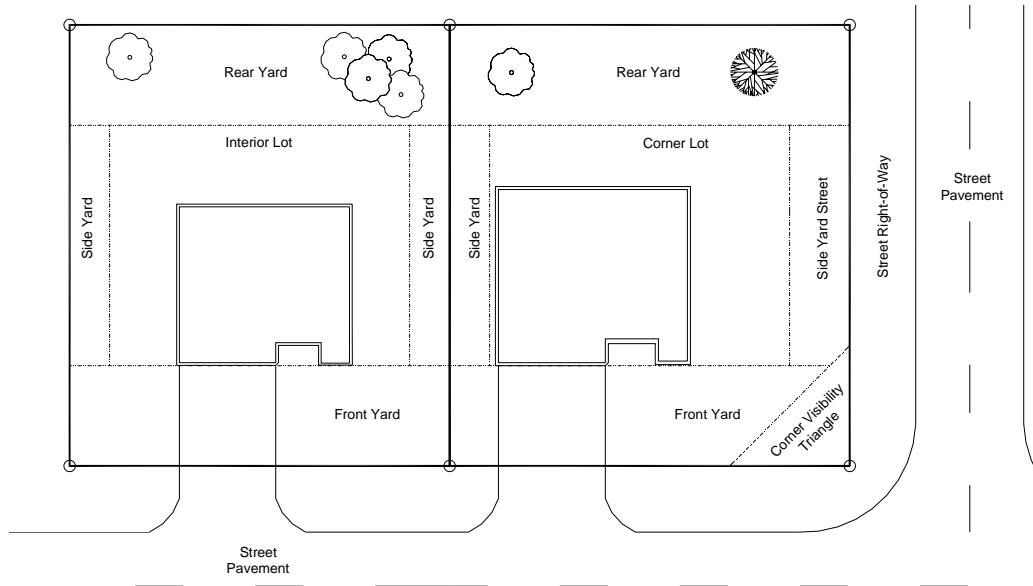
Yard: The open space that lies between the principal building or buildings and the nearest lot line.

Yard sale sign: A temporary sign erected for the purposes of advertising the sale of personal property at a private residence.

Zero-lot line: The location of a building on a lot in such a manner that one or more of the building's sides rest directly on a lot line.

Zero-lot line subdivision: A subdivision in which the resulting lots or parcels are designed for zero-lot line development.

Figure 10: Yard



ARTICLE THREE GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3.1 – Regulations Applying to All Districts

Except as hereinafter provided:

- A. No land shall be used or occupied, no structure shall be erected, altered, used or occupied, and no use shall be operated, unless in conformity with the regulations herein prescribed for the district in which such structure or land is located.
- B. No structure shall be erected, altered, used, or occupied to exceed the height limits herein established, to have less lot area, or to have narrower or smaller front, side and rear yards than herein prescribed for the district in which the structure is located.
- C. All outdoor storage facilities for fuel, raw materials and products shall be enclosed by a fence, wall or screen adequate to conceal such facilities from adjacent property.
- D. No lot shall be so reduced or diminished that the total lot area, yards, or other open spaces shall be smaller than prescribed by this ordinance.
- E. Where building lines do not appear on a recorded plat or lot of record, the smallest dimension street side shall be designated as the front of the lot.

Section 3.2 – Exceptions to Lot Widths, Lot Areas and Minimum Setbacks in Residential Zones

- A. Exception to Lot Widths and Areas. A building permit may be issued for a lawful building or structure on a lot of record when:
 - 1. The lot is smaller than the minimum, if recorded prior to the adoption of this zoning regulation.
 - 2. The lot is between two developed lots.
 - 3. The lot is between a developed lot and a street. In no case, however, shall a lot width of less than 40 feet be permitted or a lot area of less than 4,800 square feet is permitted except in an R-5 area. A lot width of not less than 20 feet and a lot area of not less than 2,500 square feet may be permitted in the R-5 when utilized for terrace or row housing.
- B. Exceptions to Setback Requirements. When houses are built on infill lots within a block the front yard setback shall be no less than the average setback of the existing houses.

Section 3.3 – Permitted Encroachments on Setback Spaces in Residential Zones R-0, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 R-6 and RT-1 and Commercial Zone C-1

Cornices, eaves, gutters, stoops, steps, belt courses, sills, lintels and contrivances attached to the structures but not having contact with the ground, for the purposes of controlling sunlight entering the building, may project not more than 2.5 feet into any setback space and shall not be considered a violation of the required setback.

Section 3.4 – Fallout, Storm or Air Raid Shelters Contrary to Bulk and Area Requirements

Fallout, storm shelters or air raid may be constructed within the same area of a lot as other accessory buildings.

Section 3.5 – Permitted Uses

- A. A permitted use is a use allowed within a specific zoning district subject to bulk and area requirements.
- B. Permitted uses in the various zoning districts are indicated by an “X” mark in the appropriate column of the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance. In the event of any question of meaning or interpretation of the uses listed or of the districts within which they are permitted, such determination shall be made by the Planning Commission guided at all times by the purpose and intent of this regulation.
- C. Where a use is not listed, the Planning Commission shall determine the appropriate district or districts for such use, and shall cause the unlisted use to be incorporated in the ordinance by means of an amendment.

Section 3.6 – Conditional Uses

Conditional uses have been identified in the various zoning districts of North Little Rock. These are uses assumed to be somewhat compatible with the zoning district and can be made acceptable when specific conditions are imposed with the use. These conditional uses are indicated by the notation “C” in the appropriate column of the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance. The establishment of and administrative procedures of Conditional Uses are specified in Article 16 of this ordinance.

Section 3.7 – Outside Display or Storage of Materials

Every use, unless expressly exempted by this ordinance, shall be operated within a completely enclosed structure. The exemption of a use from the requirement of enclosure is indicated in district regulations. All uses exempted from total enclosure will comply with the limitation of external effects of uses as stated in Section 3.9 and the lot will be so

developed and screened so that it will present an attractive appearance from all approaches.

Section 3.8 – Parking requirements

Each use shall provide off-street parking in accordance with provisions of Article 13 and other requirements specified herein.

Section 3.9 – Limitation of External Uses In Certain Districts

- A. This section shall apply to all residential zones, R-0, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 and R-6, RT-1 and to commercial zone C-1.
- B. Limitation of external uses. Every use shall be made to comply with the following limitations:
 - 1. No highly flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gases shall be stored on any lot, except as required directly for and as part of any heating device or appliance, on the same lot.
 - 2. All outdoor storage facilities for fuel, raw materials and products permitted as a part of a dwelling or C-1 commercial use shall be enclosed by a fence, wall or screen adequate to conceal such facilities from adjacent property.
 - 3. No materials or wastes shall be deposited upon a lot in such form or manner that they may be transferred off the lot by normal, natural causes or forces.
 - 4. All materials or wastes incidental to any permitted or legal nonconforming use which might cause fumes or dust or which constitute a fire hazard, or which may be edible by or otherwise attractive to rodents or insects, shall be stored outdoors only in closed containers.

ARTICLE FOUR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Section 4.1 General Description

The intent in designating residential districts is to establish and protect areas for present and future residential development. Residential districts are intended to protect residential character and to protect land and building value. Where conditional uses are permitted, these must have Planning Commission review and approval.

Section 4.2 – R-0 Single Family District

The R-0 district is intended single-family homes in a medium-density setting. This district permits zero lot line development in order to achieve the intent of the district. The design of R-0 housing permits a larger usable yard space even though the lot area is smaller. The R-0 district is further designed to provide areas for related recreational and educational facilities all being protected from direct commercial or industrial activity.

Section 4.3 – R-1 Single Family District

The R-1 single-family district is exclusively for single-family low-density residential areas. The regulations for the R-1 district promote and encourage a suitable environment for living by prohibiting all activities of a non-residential nature in this district.

Section 4.4 – R-2 Single-Family District

The R-2 single-family district is for single-family low-density residential areas of the city. The regulations for this district is designated to stabilized and protect the essential characteristics of the district, to promote and encourage a suitable environment for living by prohibiting all activities of a non-residential nature in this district.

Section 4.5 – R-3 Two-Family District

The R-3 district is for areas containing single- and two-family dwellings. It is a medium-density district and prohibits all non-residential activities.

Section 4.6 – R-4 Multi-family District

The R-4 multi-family district is for multifamily or apartment residences, but allows single- and two-family structures. The regulations for this district are designed to protect the residential character of the areas by prohibiting non-residential uses; to promote a neighborhood environment suitable for living; and to maintain open areas.

Section 4.7 – R-5 Group or Terrace Housing District

The R-5 district is intended to provide areas for medium density, group or terrace housing. The district is envisioned as a buffer use between residential and commercial uses. The district may include group or terrace housing as well as patio homes or town houses and similar housing structures. All applications for development in the R-5 district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.

Section 4.8 – R-6 Single-family Medium Density

The R-6 district is for single-family medium-density areas of the city. This district allows site built single-family dwellings as well as manufactured housing. This district is intended to promote and encourage a suitable environment for living and prohibits all activities of a commercial nature.

Section 4.9 – RT-1 Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivisions Districts

The RT-1 district allows traditional manufactured home subdivisions and parks. All developed areas of this district whether park or subdivision shall have the necessary public utilities, community facilities, and other public services in order to provide a healthy living environment with the normal amenities associated with residential districts of the city.

- A. **Manufactured Home Subdivision.** Manufactured home subdivisions, which are allowed in the RT-1 and R-6 districts, provide for manufactured homes to be placed on individual lots. All manufactured homes located within an approved subdivision must have the date plate attached to the unit stating: “This manufactured home is designed to comply with Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards in force at the time of manufacture”.
- 1. **Subdivision.** All manufactured home subdivisions shall comply with the “Control of Development and Subdivision of Land” Ordinance of the City of North Little Rock as a standard residential subdivision, utilizing, as a minimum the standards for an R-6 district.
- 2. **Foundation and Anchoring.** Any manufactured home located in this district shall be set up and anchored in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Arkansas Manufactured Housing Commission.
- 3. **Tract, Lot, Yard, and Height Regulation.** The following dimensions shall be the minimum requirements for a “Manufactured Home Subdivision”:
 - a. The tract of land to accommodate the subdivision shall be no less than 5 acres.

- b. The minimum lot size in square feet; the set back in feet for front, side, rear yards relative to interior or corner lots; the percent of open space; and the lot width at the front building line are the same as the respective dimensions for the R-6 Single-family district.

B. **Manufactured Home Parks.** Manufactured Home Parks are a permitted use in the RT-1 district. The park provides spaces for rent to persons to setup and to hook-up, utilities to a manufactured home for at least thirty continuous days or more. Further, the manufactured home park provides certain amenities to the residents of the park for the parking and storage of boats and trailers and similar items. Common recreational areas, off-street parking space and the park in its entirety shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Health. The Manufactured Home Park is intended as a residential area and spaces shall not be rented or leased for recreational vehicles.

1. General site requirements.

- a. The physical character of the site shall be suitable for development in the manner proposed, without hazards to persons or property, on or off the site, from probability of flooding, erosion, subsidence or slipping of soil, or other dangers, annoyances or inconveniences.
- b. The developer must offset any additional public expense involved in extending or expanding public utilities or facilities to serve the site.
- c. The boundaries of each manufactured home lot shall be clearly marked on the ground by permanent flush stake markers or other suitable means. Location of lot boundaries on the ground shall be approximately as shown on the accepted plans.

2. Common recreation spaces. There shall be eight percent of the gross area of the park reserved for common recreation space. The minimum area of any common recreation area shall be 10,000 square feet, and the minimum width of any such area shall be 80 feet. Such recreation area shall be no closer than 25 feet to any property line. Each required common recreation area shall be appropriately graded, turfed or otherwise landscaped and provided with suitable drainage facilities. The recreation area in a manufactured home park shall be maintained by the owner.

3. Accessory commercial uses. A manufactured home park containing at least 50 dwelling units, may provide for the convenience of the park residents an accessory commercial area. The commercial area shall meet the following conditions:

- a. The area devoted to commercial purposes shall not exceed ten percent of the gross park area.

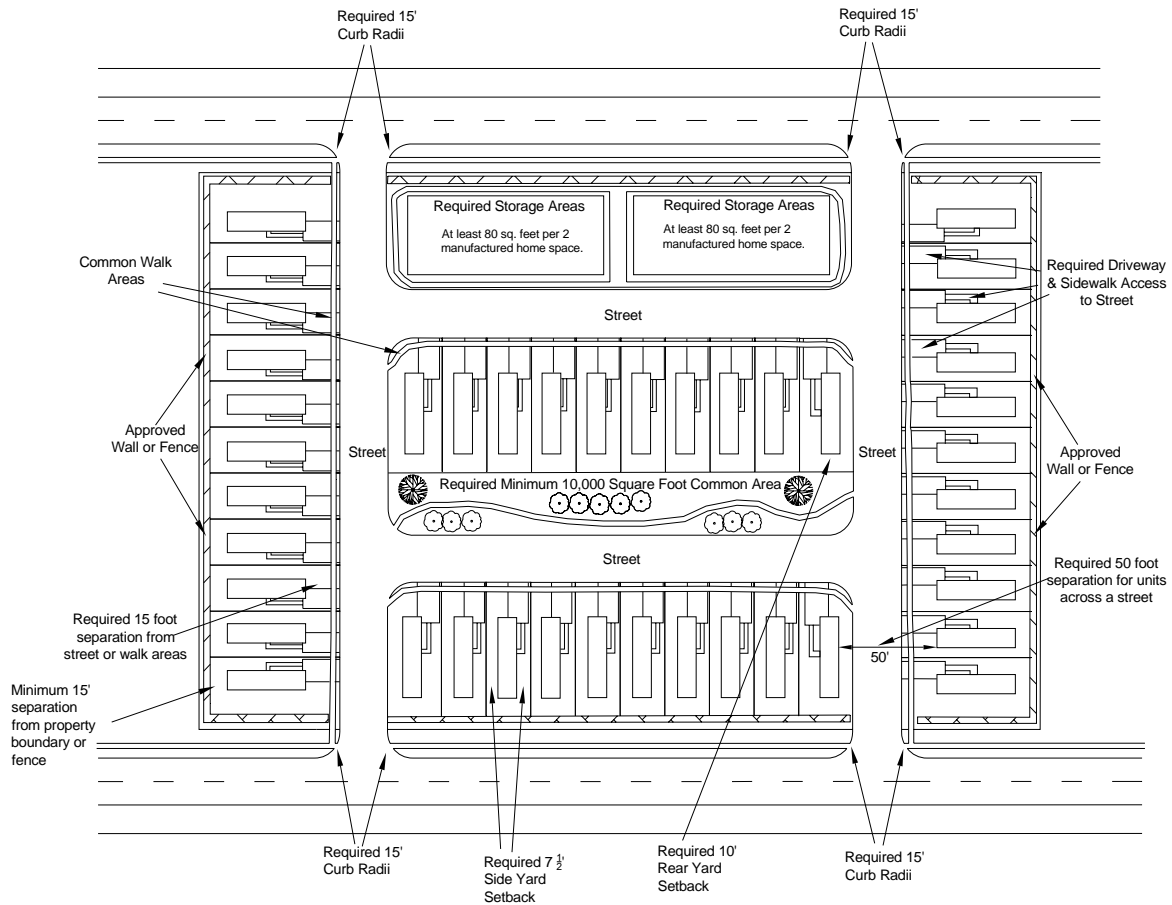
- b. No commercial use shall be closer to a property line than 25 feet.
 - c. Any commercial use shall be governed by the requirements of the C-2 district, but shall present no visible evidence of its commercial character from any R district outside the park.
4. Design of Streets.
- a. Alignment. The standards of the subdivision regulations for the city shall apply as to horizontal and vertical alignment of all interior streets.
 - b. Street widths. Surfaced roadways shall be of adequate width to accommodate anticipated traffic, and in any case shall meet the following minimum requirements:
 - 1. Two-way, with no parking: 20 feet back of curb to back of curb.
 - 2. Two-way, with parking on one side only: 27 feet back of curb to back of curb.
 - 3. Two-way, with parking on both sides: 34 feet back of curb to back of curb.
 - 4. The right-of-way shall be the same as pavement with a ten-foot utility easement on at least one side.
 - d. Street widths at access points. At points where general traffic enters or leaves the park, street widths shall be sufficient to permit free movement from or to the stream of traffic on the public street. No parking shall be permitted which in any way interferes with the moving of traffic. Where pedestrians move from and to the park, sidewalks shall be provided in such a manner as to eliminate the necessity to use roadway surfaces to access the park.
 - e. Street pavement. Street pavements shall conform in material and construction to the standards for street paving of the subdivision regulations for the city.
5. Parking and driveways.
- a. Size of on-street spaces. The minimum size for each parking space located on the street shall be nine feet wide and 20 feet long.
 - b. Parking ratio. At least two parking spaces shall be provided for each manufactured home space in the park.
 - c. Location. At least one of the parking spaces required for each manufactured home space shall be located adjacent to the space it is

intended to serve. The remaining parking space may be grouped into a nearby parking lot or area.

- d. Corner radii. All street or driveway corner radii shall be at least 15 feet.
- e. Size of off-street parking spaces. The size of off-street parking spaces are shown in the following table:

Parking Angle	Curb span or Length	Minimum Space Depth	Minimum Backing Depth
90 Degrees	9 Feet	18 Feet	26 Feet
60 Degrees	12.5 Feet	17 Feet	20 Feet
45 Degrees	12.7 Feet	16 Feet	19 Feet

Figure 12: Manufactured Home Park Standards



C. Pedestrian circulation.

1. Individual walks. Individual walks shall be provided to each manufactured home from the paved street or from a paved driveway or parking space connecting to a paved street.
2. Common walks. Common walks must meet ADA standards and shall be provided in locations where pedestrian traffic is concentrated, for example at the park entrance and to the park office and other important facilities. Common walks should preferably be through interior areas removed from the vicinity of streets.

D. Secured Storage Area. A fenced area with locked gate shall be provided within the manufactured home park boundary for the storage of recreational vehicles, boats and motors on trailers and similar items of personal belonging of the park residents. The spaces may be proliferated around the park to expedite the convenience of proximity. Each such storage space shall be comprised of at least 80 square feet for each two manufactured home spaces.

E. Yards and Distances Between Stands and Structures.

1. Determination of side yards. Side yard width shall be measured from the required manufactured home to the individual manufactured home space boundary. Minimum front yard setback shall be 15 feet. The minimum side yard setback shall be 7.5 feet and the minimum rear yard shall be ten feet. Expandable rooms, enclosed patios, garages or structural additions shall be included in the manufactured home area.
2. Distance across streets. The distance from the line or corner of any manufactured home to any manufactured home on the opposite side of a street shall be at least 50 feet.
3. Yards abutting common areas. The distance from the line or corner of a manufactured home to a street pavement, a common parking area, a common walk, or other common area shall be at least 15 feet.
4. Distance to manufactured home park boundaries. The distance from the line or corner of any manufactured home to a boundary line of the manufactured home park shall not be less than 15 feet. Special protection acceptable to the city shall be provided by wall, solid or louvered fencing, or open fencing with appropriate planting, at a minimum distance of 15 feet from any manufactured home.

F. Length of Residential Occupancy. No space shall be rented for periods less than 30 days.

- G. Other Regulations. In addition to complying with the requirements of HUD Code, any manufactured home park shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Arkansas state board of health pertaining to manufactured home parks, and to the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 4.10 – Uses of Land and Buildings

See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in residential districts.

Section 4.11 – Residential Zoning Chart of Lot, Yard, and Height Regulation.

Requirement	R-0	R-1	R-2	R-3 (f)	R-4 (f)	R-5 (f)	R-6
Minimum Lot Width (Interior/Corner)	40 / 55	60 / 75	60 / 75	60 / 75	60 / 75	20 / 37.5	45 / 55
Minimum Lot Area (Interior/Corner)	4,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000 (h)	2,500 / 4,500	5,000
Maximum Lot Coverage	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Minimum Front Yard Setback (a)	25 (i)	25	25	25	25 (j)	25	25
Minimum Number of Side Yards	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Minimum Side Yard Setback (a)(g)	10	6	6	6	10 (e)	6	6
Minimum Rear Yard Setback (a)	25	25	25	25	25 (j)	25	25
Maximum Height (k)	40	40	40	40	45 (b)	40	40
Minimum Size of Dwelling Units (d)	600	1000	700	600	350 (c)	600	600

(a) The Master Street Plan or other ordinances of the City may require a greater setback.

(b) Height may be increased to 90 feet, provided that all setback requirements are complied with.

(c) 240 sq ft for efficiency apartments.

(d) Interior heated and cooled living spaces, excluding porches, steps and carports.

(e) For buildings more than 45 feet in height, the side yard shall be increased one foot per five feet above 45 feet.

(f) For single family lots in R-3, R-4 and R-5, use the requirements for the R-2 classification.

(g) The side yard dimension is 10% of lot width and is measured at the front building line, with the maximum required is 8 feet - except as noted. Side yard setbacks on corner lots shall be 15 feet on the street side.

(h) 3,500 sq ft for each of the first 3 dwellings in the multifamily structure plus 1,200 sq ft for each additional dwelling unit below 4 stories. If the structure is 4 stories or more, each dwelling unit in addition to the first three, add 600 sq ft per unit.

(i) A setback of 35 feet is required on minor arterials and 40 feet on principal arterials or other classifications.

(j) Where the height exceeds 45 feet, the setback distance shall be increased one foot for each increment of 2 feet in increased structure height above 45 feet.

(k) Height is measured from the ridge of the roof to the average ground elevation at the base of the structure.

ARTICLE FIVE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

Section 5.1 – General Description.

Specific areas of the City are zoned for commercial uses. Each of the commercial districts is designed to accommodate the particular needs of the permitted uses in terms of:

- A. Street classification;
- B. Access and parking amount;
- C. Size of lot and buildings;
- D. Whether open display or enclosed;
- E. Hours of operation; and
- F. Lighting and noise and other characteristics. The city encourages both single and building group businesses, open space (light and air), landscaping, green and planted areas, all of sufficient size and design to enhance good business atmosphere and create centers of beauty and convenience for the residents of and visitors to the city.

Section 5.2 – Commercial Condominiums

- A. The construction of commercial structures which may be owned under the provisions of the Arkansas Horizontal Property Act (A.C.A. ' 18-13-101 et seq.) is hereby permitted, provided all requirements of the Development Plan Review process are met.
- B. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for the construction of a condominium unit or horizontal property unit authorized under and by virtue of the Horizontal Property Act (A.C.A. ' 18-13-101 et seq.), a copy of the master deed and plans shall be attached to the master deed as required by A.C.A. " 18-13-104, 18-13-105 shall be filed with and approved by the appropriate city officials as required for all other construction projects.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision in any other ordinance to the contrary, it is hereby determined and found that in no event shall developments under this article or under the Horizontal Property Act (A.C.A. ' 18-13-101 et seq.) be in violation of the zoning ordinances of the city.

Section 5.3 – C-1 Professional Office District

- A. Purpose and Description. The C-1 quiet business district is for professional office uses serving the residents of nearby residential areas. It is characterized by a low traffic volume. This district is located on thoroughfares, has no outdoor storage, is small in size, and is a buffer in neighborhoods between business and residential

areas. The regulations for this district are comparable to those for residential districts, and result in similar open space and building bulk, and retain a low concentration of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

- B. External Uses. All uses in this district shall comply with Section 3.9 External Uses.
- C. Permitted Structures. Each lot shall have at least one front line. The structure or structures may be a single building or building groups.
- D. Uses of Land and Buildings
 - 1. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for permitted uses in the C-1 Professional Office District.
 - 2. Other Uses - See Section 3.5
- E. Dimensional Requirements. See Section 5.9.
- F. Off-street Parking. See Article 13.
- G. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16
- H. Development Review. All applications for development in the C-1 district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.
- I. Location of Accessory Buildings. See Section 12.2
- J. Fences. See Section 12.15.
- K. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 5.4 – C-2 Local Shopping Center District

- A. Purpose and Description. The purpose of the C-2 district is to provide a place for the convenient retailing of goods and services in a small-scale shopping center. The standards for development are comparable to those for residential districts in terms of floor area square footage and traffic generation. When the size of the district serves its trade area, the district will not be expanded. New C-2 districts may be located when a new trade area develops.
- B. External Uses. All uses in this district shall comply with Section 3.9 External Uses.
- C. Permitted Structures. Principal structures in the C-2 district may be free standing single business buildings or may be larger structures with two or more businesses,

each in a separate “store” facility. In either case the lot shall have at least one front property line adjacent to a public street. Accessory buildings are permitted that are clearly related to the needs of the permitted uses but shall not include residences. Every use, unless expressly exempted shall be operated in a completely enclosed structure.

D. Uses of Land and Buildings

1. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for permitted uses in the C-2 Local Shopping Center District.

2. Other Uses- See Section 3.5.

E. Dimensional Requirements. See Section 5.9.

F. Off-street parking. See Article 13.

G. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16.

H. Development Review. All applications for development in the C-2 district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.

I. Location of Accessory Buildings. See Section 12.2

J. Fences. See Section 12.15.

K. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 5.5– C-3 Community Shopping District

A. Purpose and Description. The purpose of the C-3 community shopping district is to provide the retailing of goods such as general apparel and furnishings and durable goods. This district is usually located on a major arterial highway, and is at least three acres in size. The regulations of the district are designed to provide areas for commercial uses while protecting the abutting or surrounding residential districts. The regulations for this district are comparable to those for residential districts, resulting in similar building bulk and traffic generation

B. External Uses. All uses in this district shall comply with Section 3.9 External Uses.

C. Permitted Structures. Principal structures in the C-3 district may be free standing, single business buildings or may be larger structures with two or more businesses, each in a separate “store” facility. In either case the lot shall have at least one front property line adjacent to a public street. Accessory buildings are permitted that are clearly related to the needs of the permitted uses but shall not include

residences. Every use, unless expressly exempted shall be operated in a completely enclosed structure.

D. Uses of Land and Buildings.

1. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the C-3 Community Shopping District.
2. Uses Not Listed - See Section 3.5.

E. Dimensional Requirements. See Section 5.9.

F. Off-street parking. See Article 13.

G. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16.

H. Development Review. All applications for development in the C-3 district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.

I. Location of Accessory Buildings. See Section 12.2.

J. Fences. See Section 12.15.

K. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 5.6 – C-4 Trade Fair District/Heavy Commercial District

A. Purpose and Description. The purpose of the C-4 district is to provide a place for retailing, services, and commercial activities that need both large area and often includes sales lots. The C-4 district, due to its location along the frontage of major highways not only serves the local trade area but also is the ideal location for regional commercial activity. Further, the C-4 district provides business services and wholesaling in support of the activities in the larger retail centers of the city and is the location for some light industrial uses.

B. External Uses. All uses in this district shall comply with Section 3.9 External Uses

C. Permitted Structures.

1. Principal structures in the C-4 district may be freestanding, single business buildings or may be larger structures with two or more businesses in each separate building. In either case the lot shall have at least one front property line adjacent to a public street.

2. Accessory buildings are permitted that are clearly related to the needs of the permitted uses but shall include residences.
 3. Every use, unless expressly exempted shall be operated in a completely enclosed structure.
- D. Uses of Land and Buildings. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the C-4 Trade Fair/Heavy Commercial District.
 - E. Dimensional Requirements. See Section 5.9.
 - F. Off-street Parking. See Article 13, Off Street Parking.
 - G. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16.
 - H. Development Review. All applications for development in the C-4 district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.
 - I. Location of Accessory Buildings. See Section 12.2 Location of Accessory Buildings.
 - J. Fences. See Section 12.15.
 - K. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 5.7 – C-5 Central Business District

- A. Purpose and Description. The C-5 District encompasses the portion of the City commonly referred to as “Downtown”. This district is intended for the conduct of personal and business services and the general retail business of the community. Persons living in the community and in the surrounding trade area require direct and frequent access to this area, which provides space for professional offices, banks, governmental offices, and retailing services of all kinds. Because of its unique nature, normal commercial parking and setback requirements are relaxed.
- B. External Uses. All uses in this district shall comply with Section 3.9, External Uses.
- C. Permitted Structures. Each lot shall have at least one front line and shall be occupied only by structures containing permitted uses, and such accessory buildings as are clearly incidental and normal to the permitted use.
- D. Uses of Land and Buildings. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the C-5 Central Commercial District.
- E. Dimensional Requirements. See Section 5.9.

- F. Off-street parking. See Article 13.
- G. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16.
- H. Development Review. All applications for development in the C-5 district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.
- I. Location of Accessory Buildings. See Section 12.2 Location of Accessory Buildings
- J. Fences. See Section 12.15.
- K. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 5.8– C-6 Downtown Commercial District

- A. Purpose and Description. The purpose for the C-6 district is to create a mixed-use district that provides a sense of place for those who will reside, visit, shop, recreate, be entertained and attend to municipal business there. Housing will be encouraged in the area to include apartments, freestanding homes and dwellings combined in buildings with commercial activity. Specifically, land use in the C-6 district will include personal business and government services, specialty and convenience retailing and wholesaling, medium density residential housing and hotels. A stated objective is for the people residing in and visiting downtown to experience, a special place when they step from their homes or cars and encounter a traditional community as pedestrians.
- B. External Uses. All uses in this district shall comply with Section 3.9, External Uses.
- C. Permitted Structures. Each lot shall have at least one front line and shall be occupied only by structures containing permitted uses, and such accessory buildings as are clearly incidental and normal to the permitted use.
- D. Uses of Land and Buildings
 - 1. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the C-6 Downtown Commercial District.
 - 2. Uses Not Listed. See Section 3.5.
- E. Dimensional Requirements. See Section 5.9.
- F. Off-street parking. None Required.
- G. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16.

- H. Development Review. All applications for development in the C-6 district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.
- I. Location of Accessory Buildings. See Section 12.2 Location of Accessory Buildings
- J. Fences. See Section 12.15.
- K. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 5.9– Commercial Zoning Chart of Lot, Yard and Height Regulation.

Requirement	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	C-6
Minimum Lot Width (j)	60	80	80	100	25	25
Minimum Lot Area	7,200	10,000(b)	10,000(e)	10,000	2,500	2,500
Maximum Lot Coverage	50%	50%	60%	50%	80%	80%
Minimum Front Yard Setback (a)	25	40	40 (c)	40	0 (i)	0 (i)
Minimum Side Yard Setback Interior (a)(g)	8	0 (d)	0 (d)(f)	0 (d)	0 (d)(f)	0 (d)(f)
Minimum Side Yard Setback Corner (a)(g)	25	25 (h)	25 (h)	25 (h)	0 (i)	0 (i)
Minimum Rear Yard Setback (a)	25	20	20	20	10	10
Maximum Height	35	35	45	35	90	140

(a) The Master Street Plan or other ordinances of the City may require a greater setback.

(b) All C-2 districts shall be at least one acre. Lots within the one acre shall be at least 10,000 square feet.

(c) 40 feet plus one additional foot for each foot that a building on the lot exceeds 35 feet in height.

(d) No minimum, except when abutting a residential area, then the setback is 15 feet.

(e) All C-3 districts shall be at least three acres. Lots within the three acres shall be at least 10,000 square feet.

(f) The side yard setback shall be increased 1 foot for each 5 feet of increase in building height when over 35 feet.

(g) The side yard dimension is measured at the front building line.

(h) 25 feet or aligned with adjoining structures.

(i) Gross floor area not to exceed 10 times the lot area.

(j) Pipe stem lots are prohibited.

ARTICLE SIX INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Section 6.1 – General Conditions

- A. General. The industrial zoning districts of the City are in locations that are compatible with the physical surroundings and to adjacent land use zoning districts. The standards developed herein are intended to protect industrial uses and to insure the continuing stability of land values by:
1. Providing ample, un-congested space and circulation for all industrial users.
 2. Protecting each owner or tenant so that maximum convenience, safety, economy, view, identity and amenity in relation to adjacent sites and in relation to the industrial district as a whole may be obtained.
 3. Providing for adequate space for access parking, off-street loading, internal circulation, landscaping, utilities and adequate space protection for light and air, for insulation of noise and vibration, and for police and fire protection.
 4. Providing for safe and un-congested traffic and pedestrian movements both on and off the lots.
 5. Providing through careful landscaping a pleasant environment in which to work and providing shade and protection from sun and light glare and providing windbreaks.
- B. Limitation on external effects of uses. Every use in an industrial district shall be made to comply with the following limitations:
1. Enclosure of uses. Every use, unless expressly exempted by this article, shall be operated in its entirety within a completely enclosed structure; the exemption of a use from the requirement of enclosure will be indicated in the permitted use table. For all uses exempted from total enclosure, the lot will be so developed and screened so that it will present an attractive appearance from all approaches.
 2. Emission of sound, heat, etc. All lots and structures will be developed and operated in a manner that will protect surrounding lots from the emission of sound, vibration, heat, glare, radiation and fumes emitted from any operation, and shall in no case emit any of these nuisances in a dangerous degree.
 3. Storage of flammable or explosive materials. No highly flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gases shall be stored in bulk above ground. Tanks or drums of fuel directly connecting with heating devices or appliances located on the same lot as the tanks or drums of fuel are excluded from this

provision. Where the permitted industry by its nature requires storage of flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gases, it shall locate only in the district specified by this ordinance and shall meet all of the separation distance requirements specified by this ordinance. Regulation of the storage of materials and substances aboveground and underground are shown in the following figures:

Figure 13: Liquefied Petroleum Gas

Water Capacity per container	Minimum Distance to Lot Line	
	Underground Storage	Aboveground storage
Less than 125 gallons	10 Feet	0 Feet
125 – 500 gallons	10 Feet	10 Feet
501- 2,000 gallons	25 Feet	25 Feet
Over 2,000 gallons	50 Feet	50 Feet

Figure 14: Flammable Liquids - Fire Prevention Code, Class I, II, III

Minimum Distance to Lot Line			
Underground		Aboveground	
Capacity (gallons)	Distance (feet)	Capacity (gallons)	Distance (feet)
550	6	1-1,000	25
2,000	10	1,001-3,000	50
5,000	20	3,001-35,000	100
15,000	25	over 35,000	120
20,000	30		
35,000	40		

Figure 15: Explosives

Minimum Distance to Lot Line	
Explosives (Pounds)	Distance (Feet)
2-5	70
5-10	90
10-20	110
20-25	125
25-up	As required by other ordinances

Note: Railroad rights-of-way abutting a lot containing explosives and flammable liquids may be used as part of the setback requirements indicated in the figures.

4. Outdoor storage and waste disposal. The following regulations shall apply to all industrial zone districts:
 - a. All outdoor storage facilities for fuel, raw materials, products, and uses of similar nature shall be enclosed by an opaque fence or wall adequate to conceal such facilities from adjacent properties, streets, highways and public right-of-ways.
 - b. No materials or wastes shall be deposited upon a lot in such form or manner that they may be transferred off the lot by normal natural causes or forces, and such materials shall not be allowed to pollute a watercourse, stream, lake or underground water supply.
 - c. All materials or wastes which might cause fumes or dust or which constitute a fire hazard or which may be edible by or otherwise be attractive to rodents or insects shall be stored outdoors only in closed containers.
- C. Conditions for site development. No land shall be used or occupied and no structure shall be designed, erected, altered, used or occupied in an industrial district except for as permitted by this ordinance. Any permitted use shall observe all of the following conditions:
 1. All yards and open areas shall be properly graded for drainage, surfaced with concrete, asphaltic concrete, asphalt, oil, lawns or any other dust-free surfacing, and maintained in good condition, free of weeds, dust, trash and debris.
 2. Any permitted use shall be provided with barriers of such dimensions that occupants of adjacent structures are not unreasonably disturbed, either by day or by night, by the movement of vehicles, machinery, equipment or supplies.
 3. Any permitted use shall be provided with entrances and exits so located as to minimize traffic congestion. Where entrances and exits are intended for use by trucks, lanes shall be at least 12 feet wide and the radius of the curve at the pavement edge of the entrance or exit shall be at least 35 feet.
 4. Any permitted use shall provide sufficient internal circulation and turning space on the lot so that no vehicle will have to maneuver on any public right-of-way in order to gain access to or exit from any lot, or to load or unload from any structure on the lot or for any other reason.
 5. Any permitted use must provide and maintain a landscaped strip at least ten feet wide along all street property lines, exclusive of drives and walks, and such landscape should not interfere with sight distances or block needed view of buildings or their identification.

6. Any permitted use shall be provided with barriers of such type and so located that no part of parked vehicles will extend beyond the yard space or into the setback space from a lot line abutting a residential lot or a street.
 7. Lighting facilities shall be so arranged that they do not disturb occupants of adjacent properties or interfere with traffic.
- D. Accessory Uses. Accessory uses must meet the following requirements to be allowed in an industrial district:
1. The use must be clearly incidental and customary to and commonly associated with the operation of the permitted use.
 2. The use must be operated and maintained under the same ownership or by lessees or concessionaires thereof, and on the same lot as the permitted use.
 3. The use must not include structures or structural features inconsistent with the permitted use.
 4. The use must not include residential occupancy except by caretakers or watchmen.
 5. If operated partially or entirely in detached structures, such detached structures shall be limited to a gross floor area of not more than 20 percent of the gross area of the principal structure.
 6. If operated partially or entirely within the structure containing the permitted use, the gross floor area within such structure utilized by accessory uses (except garages, loading docks and company dining rooms) shall not be greater than ten percent of the gross floor area of the structure containing the permitted use by right.
- E. Permitted encroachments on setback spaces. Belt courses, sills, lintels, cornices, eaves, gutters, stoops, and building accessories designed and intended to control light and glare entering the building, and not being a permanent part of such building by being supported from the ground, may extend three feet into any setback space without being considered in violation of the setback requirements of the industrial zone districts.
- F. Development Plan Review – Industrial Districts. All applications for development in an industrial district shall require Development Plan review as described in Article 18.
- G. Industrial Access through Residential Zones. The routing of industrial trucks and equipment through residentially zoned areas shall require the rezoning of property

to industrial classification prior to construction of industrial access driveways through residentially zoned property.

Section 6.2– I-1 Community Industrial Park District

- A. Description of the District. The I-1 Community Industrial Park District is located between general industrial or commercial uses and quiet residential areas. The regulations of this district are intended to provide structural standards, standards of intensity of use and standards of external effects compatible with the surrounding residential districts. To these ends, development standards are established to encourage those industries and wholesaling activities that can be operated in a clean and quiet manner, plus certain public facilities which are needed to serve the occupants of the district and residents of adjoining residential districts, and to establish pleasant community industrial parks.
- B. Permitted Structures. Each lot shall have at least one front property line and shall be occupied only by structures containing permitted uses and such accessory buildings that are allowed in the district.
- C. The Use of Land and Building. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the I-1 Community Industrial Park District.
- D. Dimensional Requirements. The bulk and area (dimensional) requirements for the I-1 district are shown in the “Bulk and Area” Chart in Section 6.5.
- E. Location of Accessory Buildings. No accessory buildings shall be located on any required front or side yard, or within 25 feet of any street or within 10 feet of any lot line. Accessory buildings shall be exclusively as product or equipment storage that is related to the principal use. The Accessory buildings shall not occupy more than 20 percent of the rear yard.
- F. Fences. See Section 12.15
- G. Off-street Parking. See Article 13, Off-Street Parking.
- H. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16
- I. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 6.3 – I-2 Light Industrial Parks

- A. Description of the District. The I-2 light industrial park district is intended to permit the normal operations of industries, subject to those regulations needed to control congestion and to protect nearby residential and business districts.

- B. Permitted Structures. Each lot shall have at least one front property line and shall be occupied only by structures containing permitted uses and such accessory buildings as are permitted in the district.
- C. The Use of Land and Buildings. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the I-2 Light Industrial Parks District.
- D. Dimensional Requirements. The bulk and area (dimensional) requirements for the I-2 district are shown in the “Bulk and Area” chart in Section 6.5.
- E. Location of Accessory Buildings. No accessory buildings shall be located on any required front or side yard, or within 25 feet of any street or within 10 feet of any lot line. Accessory buildings shall be exclusively as product or equipment storage that is related to the principal use. The Accessory buildings shall not occupy more than 20 percent of the rear yard.
- F. Fences. See Section 12.15.
- G. Off-street Parking. See Article 13, Off-Street Parking.
- H. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16
- I. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 6.4 – I-3 Industrial Park District

- A. Description of the District. The I-3 Industrial Park District is intended to be separated from residential and business areas in the city. Regulations are the minimum required for mutual protection of the industrial users, and, to that end, the district should not be adjacent to any residential or business district, if such abutment can possibly be avoided. The district is intended to provide good and attractive sites for industrial uses, to encourage a high standard of industrial development, and/or to encourage the location of industries requiring the use of river transportation.
- B. Permitted Structures. Each lot shall have at least one front property line and shall be occupied only by structures containing permitted uses and such accessory buildings that are permitted in the district.
- C. The Use of Land and Buildings. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the I-3 Industrial Park District.
- D. Dimensional Requirements. The bulk and area (dimensional) requirements for the I-3 district are shown in the “Bulk and Area” chart in Section 6.5.

- E. Location of Accessory Buildings. No accessory building shall be located on any required front or side yard, or within 40 feet of any street or within 20 feet of any lot line. Accessory buildings shall be exclusively as product or equipment storage that is related to the principal use. The Accessory buildings shall not occupy more than 20 percent of the rear yard
- F. Fences. See Section 12.15.
- G. Off-street Parking. See Article 13, Off-Street Parking.
- H. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16
- I. Screening. See Article 15.

Section 6.5. Industrial Zoning Chart of Lot, Yard and Height Regulation.

Requirement	I-1	I-2	I-3
Minimum Lot Size(a)	30,000 sq ft	30,000 sq ft	30,000 sq ft
Maximum Lot Coverage	50%	60%	60%
Minimum Lot frontage	150 ft	150 ft	150 ft
Minimum Lot Depth	200 ft	200 ft	200 ft
Minimum Front Yard Setback (e)	30 ft (b)	30 ft (b)	40 ft (c)
Minimum Number of Side Yards	2	2	2
Minimum Side Yard Setback (d)(e)	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft
Minimum Rear Yard Setback (e)	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft
Maximum Height	45 ft	60 ft	90 ft

(a) Pipe stem lots are prohibited.

(b) Increase front yard setback one foot for each 5 foot increase in building height above 35 feet up to the maximum height.

(c) Increase front yard setback one foot for each 5 foot increase in building height above 50 feet up to the maximum height.

(d) Side yard width shall not be less than 10 percent of the lot width at the front building line with the minimum dimension of 30 feet.

(e) The Master Street Plan or other ordinances of the City may require a greater setback.

ARTICLE SEVEN OPEN LAND DISTRICT

Section 7.1 Open Lands District

- A. Description of District. The O-1 open lands district is composed of certain large open areas, land publicly owned and land suitable for the location of public buildings and certain public facilities. The regulations of this district are designed to retain the open character and settings desirable for public facilities and certain other compatible uses.
- B. Permitted Structures. Each lot shall have at least one front property line and shall be occupied by only one principal structure. Permitted structures may be a public building or facility, except where the use is for a public park, a public recreational center, a public playground, an airport, a port or harbor, or other similar facilities, as determined by the commission, several structures may be placed within the land area reserved for such public uses. Permitted structures must be located in accordance with a development plan submitted to and approved by the commission in the manner prescribed under this article. Residences may be permitted in this district provided that they are limited to those required by caretakers, police and similar personnel required to be present on the lands to provide protection and to safeguard the property.
- C. The Uses of Land and Buildings. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the O-1 Open Lands District.
- D. Uses by Temporary Permit. Upon application to and issuance by the Planning Department of a permit, the following uses may be operated:
 - 1. Bazaar, carnival and/or circus; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than three days and shall not be renewed for more than three successive periods; and provided, further, that a period of at least 90 days shall intervene between the termination of one permit and the issuance of another permit for the same location.
 - 2. A newspaper distribution station operated in accordance with all of the following standards: shall be maintained in a neat and clean condition with all papers, waste wrappers and newspapers stored, handled and distributed within a completely enclosed structure until removed from the premises; shall provide adequate on-the-premises storage for bicycles; and shall prohibit unnecessary loitering on or about the premises; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than one calendar year but may be renewed; and provided, further, that a failure to comply with any of the standards herein set forth shall be cause for revocation of any permit.
 - 3. Noncommercial concrete batching plant, both incidental and necessary to construction in the district; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for

a period of not more than six calendar months and shall not be renewed for more than three successive periods at the same location.

4. Parking lot designated for a special event; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid only for the duration of the designated special event; and provided, further, that if the designated special event is a seasonal activity the permit may be valid for the entire season but shall be restricted in use to designated dates and times during which the event is occurring.
5. Sale at retail of Christmas trees and wreaths; provided, however, that no permit shall be effective prior to November 15 in each calendar year and no permit shall be valid for a period of more than 45 days.
6. Temporary building or yard for construction materials and equipment, both incidental and necessary to construction in the district; provided however, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than six calendar months and shall not be renewed for more than four successive periods at the same location.
7. Temporary office both incidental and necessary for the sale or rental of real property in the district; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than six calendar months and shall not be renewed for more than four successive periods at the same location.

Section 7.2 Dimensional Requirements

Lot Area	175,000 Sq ft
Open Space	60%
Minimum Front Yard	40 Feet (a)
Minimum Two Side Yards	15 Feet (b)
Minimum Rear Yard	25 Feet (c)
Maximum Height	60 Feet (d)

Table Footnotes:

- a. Increase front yard 1 foot for each 5 feet of building height over 45 feet.
- b. Any side yard abutting a street shall be a minimum 20 feet. Master Street Plan setback shall prevail.
- c. If abutting an alley not adjacent to residential district, then 15 feet. If abutting a street the setback shall be as required along the street
- d. Structural units necessary for the functioning of the building may exceed the height limit but no building may exceed 90 feet and then only if yard dimensions requirements are met.

Section 7.3 Location of Accessory Buildings

No accessory building shall be located on any required front or side yard, or within 20 feet of any street, or within five feet of any lot line, that is not a street line, except where an alley

abuts the rear line of the lot detached accessory buildings not opening directly into the alley and fixtures for the disposal of trash and garbage may be set on the rear lot line, provided, however that in no case will a trash burner be located closer than ten feet to the line of any adjacent or abutting property. Accessory structures having access to the alley shall be set back five feet from the rear lot line.

Section 7.4 Fences

Fences up to 8 feet in height may be erected along any boundary line of the side yards or rear yard from the front building line to the rear lot line and along the rear lot line, except where the rear lot line abuts a street.

Section 7.5 Screening See Article 15

Section 7.6 Corner Visibility See Section 12.16

Section 7.7 Off-Street Parking See Article 13, Off-Street Parking.

ARTICLE EIGHT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Section 8.1– Conservation District

- A. Description of District. The flood plains of North Little Rock are fragile natural resources which provide wildlife habitat, pollution control, storage and passage of flood waters, aquifer recharge, recreation and open space. In the past, urbanization has impacted the flood prone areas by dredging, filling, building, pollution, and illegal dumping, and other activities inconsistent with the natural characteristics of such area. Therefore, it is the policy of the City to ensure that flood prone areas are protected from detrimental impacts and the flood plain alteration activities do not threaten public safety, welfare or cause nuisances, or negatively alter the natural ecology. In this district, a land owner or group of owners may prepare a development plan (see Article 18, Development Plan Review) in support of an application for re-zoning of property. The development plan shall prove, with engineering certification, that problems of a shallow water table, or inundation due to faulty drainage and other such problems can be corrected to support the proposed development. The applicant and/or land owners may through agreements with the Planning Commission and City Council determine the most appropriate district to be established. The provisions of the district established shall then be in effect.
- B. Flood Plain. Any area that, upon field verification is determined to have one or more of the following characteristics shall be included in the District:
1. Floodplains along the Arkansas River and its tributaries and meander scars defined by the 100-year floodplain as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agencies (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, or the Flood of record;
 2. Land along streams, bayous, meander scar lakes, and wetlands subject to inundation, severe bank erosion, undercutting, or stream bed course alteration (bed alteration).
- C. The North Little Rock Zoning Map shows District Boundaries based upon the best available information at a City-wide scale. The actual boundaries of this district, however, shall be determined by field verification.
- D. General Development Procedures. The following procedures shall be followed in the circumstances stated:
1. Fill material shall not be placed in the flood plain until a study shall prove the floodway discharge is not increased by more than 1 foot
 2. Fill material shall not be placed in the floodway under any circumstances.

Section 8.2 Uses of Land

- A. The Uses of Land and Buildings. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the Conservation District.
- B. Uses by temporary permit. Upon application to and issuance by the Planning Commission of a permit, the following uses may be operated as uses by temporary permit:
 - 1. Bazaar, carnival and/or circus; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than three days and shall not be renewed for more than three successive periods; and provided, further, that a period of at least 90 days shall intervene between the termination of one permit and the issuance of another permit for the same location.
 - 2. A newspaper distribution station operated in accordance with all of the following standards: shall be maintained in a sightly condition with all papers, waste wrappers and newspapers stored, handled and distributed within a completely enclosed structure until removed from the premises, shall provide adequate on-the-premises storage for bicycle and shall prohibit unnecessary loitering on or about the premises; provided. However, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than one calendar year but may be renewed; and provided, further, that a failure to comply with any of the standards herein set forth shall be cause for revocation of any permit.
 - 3. Noncommercial concrete batching plant, both incidental and necessary to construction in the district; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than six calendar months and shall not be renewed for more than three successive periods at the same location.
 - 4. Parking lot designated for a special event; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid only for the duration of the designated special event; and provided, further, that if the designated special event is a seasonal activity the permit may be valid for the entire season, but shall be restricted in the use to designated dates and times during which the event is occurring.
 - 5. Sale at retail of Christmas trees and wreaths; provided, however, that no permit shall be effective prior to November 15 in each calendar year and no permit shall be valid for a period of more than 45 days.
 - 6. Temporary building or yard for construction materials and/or equipment, both incidental and necessary to construction in the district; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for a period of not more the six calendar months and shall not be renewed for more than four successive periods at the same location.
 - 7. Temporary office, both incidental and necessary for the sale or rental of real property in the district; provided, however, that each permit shall be valid for a

period of not more than six calendar months and shall not be renewed for more than four successive periods at the same location.

Section 8.3 Structure Setback

All structures must be set back at least 30 feet from all street right-of-way lines, or as required under other ordinances, whichever is the greater and setback at least 20 feet from property lines without street frontage.

Section 8.4 Corner Visibility See section 12.16

Section 8.5 Permitted Structures

No structures shall be permitted in the Conservation district except those used in the operation of the permitted uses, and further providing that these structures do not cover more than five percent of the total lot area. In no case will a residential structure be permitted.

Section 8.6 Screening, Buffers, and Landscape

All uses established in the Conservation District shall be subject to Article 15.

ARTICLE NINE GREENBELT AND WETLAND DISTRICT

Section 9.1 Description

The district is composed of lands that are to be retained in a natural state, being either forest or designated wetlands with very limited active permissible uses. The purpose for designating green belt and wetland conservation zones is to preserve wooded or wetland areas to lessen the intensity of urban development and protect natural resources. Green Belt and Wetland Districts provide expanded buffer areas, separate uses and reduce development stress in the urban environment, as well as providing space for wildlife habitat and nature trails. Wetlands provide an important flood management tool as well as filtering urban storm water runoff. Designation of known wetlands serves the national goal of no new loss of wetlands and hopefully reduces the financial burdens on the community by avoiding improper development practices. The boundaries of these green belts and wetlands are established by the Planning Commission based on data received from private individuals, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Soil Conservation Service. Wetlands are areas of periodic flooding caused by a combination of elevation, a high water table, soil types and also the presence of aquatic life. While the wetland condition can be eliminated by filling, such action is restricted by federal regulation. Lands approved for removal from the wetland condition are by formal permit with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers followed by a local reclassification through the established rezoning procedure. In that green belt and wetland conservation districts have very limited economic use, it is important that lands so designated be either voluntary or by federal government action. In order to assist in the development of the overall plan for the city and to encourage the proper use of land, the City Council may establish the type of zoning district for which the lands shall be deemed suitable. Areas to be designated as green belt or wetlands shall be designated "G/W".

Section 9.2 Permitted Uses

See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the G/W Greenbelt and Wetland District.

Section 9.3 Uses by Temporary Permit

Applications for uses by temporary permits are submitted to the North Little Rock Planning Department. The applications are forwarded to the Planning Commission for its determination of permit approval. The approval of a temporary permit is contingent upon the conditions set by the Planning Commission and is limited also by the following:

- A. The requested activity will not threaten public safety, welfare or cause nuisances, or negatively alter the green belt or wetland areas.
- B. No principal structure is permitted.

Section 9.4 Bulk and Area of Accessory Structures

Principal structures are not allowed in the GB/W District. Requests for accessory structure permits shall be routed through the Planning Department to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for consideration; upon approval by the Board of Adjustment a permit may be issued.

ARTICLE TEN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Section 10.1 Planned Unit Development Purpose

The purposes of this zone are to promote flexibility and innovation in design and to encourage innovation in the design of large-scale developments and the development of vacant, in-fill parcels in the built-up portion of the city. The zone also promotes the inclusion of open space into project design. The Planned Unit Development (PUD) is a superimposed description that provides wider latitude of design to achieve the goals stated above.

In concept, the PUD is a combination of zoning designation and site plan. A detailed site plan is required for consideration by the Planning Commission. Development must follow the site plan exactly. Failure in this respect will result in reversion of the property to the original zoning. Although design innovation is encouraged, and flexibility is allowed, the PUD may not be used solely as a method of avoiding zoning regulations. Once approved, the site plan becomes a zoning district by city ordinance in the same manner as any other zoning parcel.

The PUD may contain any land use or combination of land uses that are compatible with the specific location and meet the standards set forth in Section 10.2.

Section 10.2 Standards for Planned Unit Development

- A. The planned unit development must meet the spirit and intent of the Land Use Plan. Significant departure must be preceded by a request to amend the Land Use Plan.
- B. Ownership. The site of the Planned Unit Development must be under single ownership.
- C. Compatibility. The uses permitted in a Planned Unit Development must be of a type and so located as to exercise no undue detrimental influence upon surrounding properties. This will include factual determination that the development meets the review standards outlined in Section 10.6.
- D. Need. The Planning Commission shall consider a PUD proposal only after determining that it meets at least one of the following threshold criteria:
 - 1. The PUD will allow the development of an infill parcel in the developed portion of the city that could not be made productive under normal zoning regulations.
 - 2. The PUD would further the city's goal of providing housing for all economic segments of the city and its Planning Area.
 - 3. The PUD involves a parcel in which flexibility would allow high quality or innovative urban design not possible under existing zoning regulations.

4. The PUD would aid in the elimination of slums and blight within the city and its Planning Area.
 5. The PUD design results in a minimum of 30 percent of the total development being reserved as permanent open space.
- E. Size. There is no minimum size requirement for a PUD submittal; however, the Planning Commission shall consider requests for sites less than one acre only in cases where a clear public interest is addressed and where the proposal meets a specific requirement of the Land Use Plan.
- F. Concurrency. The Planning Commission shall consider a PUD request only after determining that adequate public and private utilities are available to the site or can be extended after approval at the applicant's expense.

Section 10.3 Application Process

The applicant for a Planned Unit Development permit shall be the owner(s) of the property or the party designated to act as agent for the owners(s). The responsibilities of the applicant are as follows:

- A. Pre-application Conference. Each prospective applicant shall confer with the City Staff in connection with the preparation of the application prior to the formal submittal. The purpose of this conference is to determine if the proposed PUD would generally meet the standards outlined in section 10.2. At this conference, the following information and data shall be considered.
1. The boundaries of the property.
 2. Existing easements and covenants affecting the property.
 3. Physical characteristics such as drainage, topography, vegetation and existing structures.
 4. Development characteristics such as surrounding land uses, existing streets and availability of utilities.
 5. Elements of the proposed layout such as land uses, open spaces, community facilities, densities, traffic flow and estimated impact on traffic and adjacent land uses.
- B. Pre-Submission to the Planning Commission. The applicant may also elect to present a sketch plat of the proposed PUD to the North Little Rock Planning Commission. Pre-submission of the sketch plat to the Planning Commission is strictly to receive comments and/or suggestions from the Commission and to identify potential problems or deficiencies. Concurrence in the sketch plat by the Commission shall not necessarily imply approval of the final submission.

- C. Site Plan submittal. No less than thirty days prior to the Planning Commission meeting at which the proposed Planned Unit Development is to be reviewed, the applicant shall submit the proposed site plan to the staff. The submittal shall include the following as a minimum. Any application that is incomplete in any respect, will be returned to the applicant for appropriate corrections. Any required corrections must be turned in to the city staff prior to the Planning Commission meeting. The Commission will not review an incomplete application.
1. A site plan drawn to scale. Survey information shall be prepared by a Professional Surveyor (P.S.) Drainage and utility calculations shall be prepared by a Professional Engineer (P.E.) The stamps of the individuals responsible for the various elements shall be affixed to the drawing.
 2. Building footprints for the individual buildings to be included in the PUD.
 3. Topographic contours at 2 foot intervals.
 4. All easements, existing or proposed.
 5. All drives, access-ways, alleys, parking lots and any streets proposed to be dedicated.
 6. Proposed landscaping.
 7. Open space and community facilities, if any, proposed as part of the PUD.
 8. Location of all existing and proposed private and public utilities.
 9. Name(s) of the owners of the proposed project and their agent, if any.
 10. Zoning classifications of adjoining properties.
 11. Site improvement drawings as necessary to support the proposals outlined in the site plan.

Section 10.4 Uses Permitted

The PUD submittal will include a listing of the proposed land uses and the amount of land devoted to each. This list will constitute part of the zoning component of the PUD. No other land uses will be allowed unless the PUD is revised through a rezoning process.

Section 10.5 Design Regulations

- A. Lot Size. No minimum district sizes are established. Housing can be clustered or otherwise concentrated or arranged in planned locations on the site to take advantage of its natural features. The proposed lots and the type of development (i.e. housing, mixed use) for each shall be clearly depicted.

- B. Open Space Reservation. Land not used by buildings, accessory structures, and yards, but part of the PUD shall be maintained as open space for the purpose of providing parks, recreational facilities, ways for pedestrian movement and circulation, and conserving visually pleasing elements of the environment. Prior to the sale of any lot, site, home or other structure, a performance guarantee of sufficient surety determined by the City shall be posted with the City for completion of said open space improvements. The site plan shall clearly depict the amount of land to be maintained as permanent open space.
- C. Development Density. The site plan shall clearly depict the proposed density by land use category.
- D. Property Owners' Association. The developer shall submit a set of covenants running with the land, providing for an automatic membership in the Property Owners' Association, to be an incorporated nonprofit organization, operating under recorded land agreements designed and intended to exist in perpetuity, through which each property owner in the Planned Unit Development is automatically subject to a charge for an appropriate proportionate share of the expenses for maintaining the common property, open space and/or other activities of the Association. Once established, the covenants shall continue and remain in force during the entire existence of the Planned Unit Development.
- E. Responsibility for Open Space. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as assigning or assuming any responsibility or liability on the part of the City of North Little Rock, for maintenance of any private open areas, parks, or recreational facilities. A hold harmless clause shall be incorporated in the covenants running with the land to this effect. It shall be provided further, however, that when an owner of a Planned Unit Development desires to dedicate certain land areas to the City for public parks and recreational facilities, and the City approves the nature and location of such lands, and accepts the dedicated areas, the City shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of these lands and properties thereafter.
- F. Common Open Spaces. The size, shape, dimension and location of the common open spaces shall be considered by the Planning Commission with consideration being given to the size and extent of the proposed development and the physical characteristics of the land being developed. Consideration should also be given in providing parks, recreational facilities, both active and passive, and pedestrian walkways.

Common open space shall be guaranteed by a restrictive covenant, describing the open space and its maintenance and improvement, running with the land for the benefit of the residents of the Planned Unit Development. The developer shall file, at the time the approved final site plan is filed, legal documents that will produce the aforesaid guarantees and, in particular, will provide for restricting the use of common open spaces for the designated purpose.

- G. Preservation Plan. In order to minimize the disturbance of the natural environment, a general preservation plan shall be required at the time of preliminary plat

submission; this shall show the specific type, size and nature of the preservation area. The Planning Commission shall review the preservation plan in conjunction with the review of the site plan.

The preservation of the natural amenities within the Planned Unit Development, including topography, trees, ground cover, natural bodies of water, and other significant natural features, shall be given due consideration. Existing trees shall be preserved wherever possible. The location of trees shall be considered when planning the common open space, location of buildings, underground services, walks, paved areas, playgrounds, parking areas, and finished grade levels. Excessive site clearing of topsoil, trees and natural features before the commencement of building operations shall be discouraged by the Planning Commission. The applicant shall provide evidence as how these objectives are to be met.

- H. Transportation. The vehicular circulation system shall be designed so as to permit smooth traffic flow with minimum hazards to pedestrian traffic. Minor streets within Planned Unit Development shall not be connected to streets outside the development in such a way as to encourage their use by through traffic.

The pedestrian circulation system and its related walkways shall be insulated as reasonably as possible from the vehicular movement. This shall include, when deemed to be necessary by the Planning Commission, pedestrian underpass or overpass in the vicinity of schools, playgrounds, local shopping areas, and other neighborhood uses that generate a considerable amount of pedestrian traffic.

- I. Land Subdivision. In the construction and installation of all subdivision improvements in the Planned Unit Development, said improvements shall conform to all requirements and standards as set forth in the City's Subdivision Regulations, unless exception to the requirements is recommended and approved by the Planning Commission.

If the owners in the future should request that the private streets be changed to City, the owners will bear full expense of reconstruction or any other action necessary to make the streets fully conform to the requirements applicable to public streets, prior to dedication and acceptance. The owners also shall agree that these streets shall be dedicated to public use without compensation to the owners.

- J. Provisions existing herein do not supercede any state or federal codes or regulations, including the Arkansas Fire Code, nor is the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment empowered to grant any variances or waivers from such state or federal codes or regulations.

Section 10.6 Review Process

The Planning Commission shall review the proposed PUD after proper submittal of all documents and review by the appropriate city staff. In reviewing any proposal, the Planning Commission shall determine that the PUD will:

- A. Provide public benefits that would not be achievable through the normal zoning regulations.
- B. Be consistent with the city's Future Land Use plan.
- C. Not endanger the public health, welfare or safety.
- D. Be of a character and contain such uses that are needed in the area of the proposed project.
- E. The proposed PUD will not interfere with existing traffic in the vicinity and will not lower the level of service on any adjacent street.
- F. The proposed PUD will not represent such a departure in design and intensity of use as to adversely impact the value of adjacent and nearby properties.
- G. Buildings within the proposed PUD shall maintain similar size and bulk characteristics as those currently existing in the neighborhood.
- H. The traffic generation characteristics of proposed uses in the PUD shall be similar to those of uses currently existing in the neighborhood.

Section 10.7 City Council Approval

- A. Planned Unit Developments represent zoning districts and shall follow the same amendment procedures as other districts. This district is to be utilized as a "floating zone" which shall mean that areas will not be pre-designated as planned development districts but rather each such designation shall result from a specific and separate application for amendment. Unless otherwise stated in this Article, the Development standards and the land uses which are presented with the application for amendment shall, if approved, become the standards for the subject property and shall become a part of the zoning regulations.
- B. All further development on the property shall conform to the standards adopted for the site, regardless of any change in ownership. Approval of the PUD shall run with the land and apply to successor owners. Any proposed changes to the approved standards shall be treated as amendments to the zoning regulations and must be considered in accordance with the procedures set forth at Section 20.

Section 10.8 Amendments

Following Council approval the staff may approve minor revisions to the site plan if:

- A. No changes are made to either the access to or egress from the PUD.
- B. Any changes to internal traffic arteries do not alter overall traffic patterns, size of streets, or functional classification of streets.

- C. No new streets are proposed for dedication.
- D. No new private streets are proposed.
- E. Overall residential density is not increased.
- F. Overall drainage patterns are not altered.
- G. No additional loads are placed on municipal utilities.
- H. Retail and office space is not increased by more than 5 percent.
- I. No open space is dedicated for public maintenance.

If there is disagreement about the administration of the above, or if the staff is unsure of its authority, the staff shall submit the proposed revisions to the Planning Commission.

ARTICLE ELEVEN OVERLAY DISTRICTS

Section 11.1 – General

In order to carry out the provisions of the city's plans, the Planning Commission may from time to time prepare or have prepared an overlay zoning district to be recommended for adoption by the City Council. Upon adoption by the City Council, the overlay district shall be enforced as a stated in this Article.

Section 11.2 – Application and Enforcement

The regulations in overlay districts shall be in addition to and shall overlay all other zoning districts and other ordinance requirements regulating the development of land so that any parcel of land lying in an overlay district shall also lie within one or more of the other underlying zoning districts. Therefore, all property within an overlay district will have requirements of both the underlying and overlay zoning district in addition to other ordinance requirements regulating the development of land. In case of conflicting standards between overlay district requirements and other city ordinances, the overlay requirements shall control.

Section 11.3 – Argenta Quiet Commercial Overlay District

- A. Description. A zoning overlay district bordering the established Argenta Historic Residential District and providing specific additional land use regulations.
- B. Purpose. The downtown area is experiencing rapid change with the addition of a regional multi-purpose area and other public and private investments and the AQC overlay district is intended to avoid the negative impact of uncontrolled change. The purpose for creating this overlay district is to impose certain land development and environmental control regulations to increase compatibility between the uses and buildings of the district and the bordering residential neighborhood. These regulations are intended to serve the general health, safety and welfare of the downtown community; to retain residential uses in the downtown area by providing a more harmonious setting for residential uses; to promote a viable commercial setting; and to avoid urban blight. The existence of a downtown residential base is believed to exert a positive influence on the downtown setting.
- C. Application. These regulations shall be applied to all major alterations to the exterior of existing structures and as provided through the existing Control of Development Regulations when new primary structures or major additions are proposed.
- D. District Boundary. The AQC District encompasses all property as illustrated in the Quiet Commercial Overlay District map.
- E. Overlay District Regulations. This overlay district includes provisions relative to hours of operation of all commercial activity, limitations on exterior lighting, noise, architectural design, signage, landscaping and building height.

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Commercial
Overlay
District

Commercial Overlay District

Quiet

Overlay District Boundary

Area within
the Quiet
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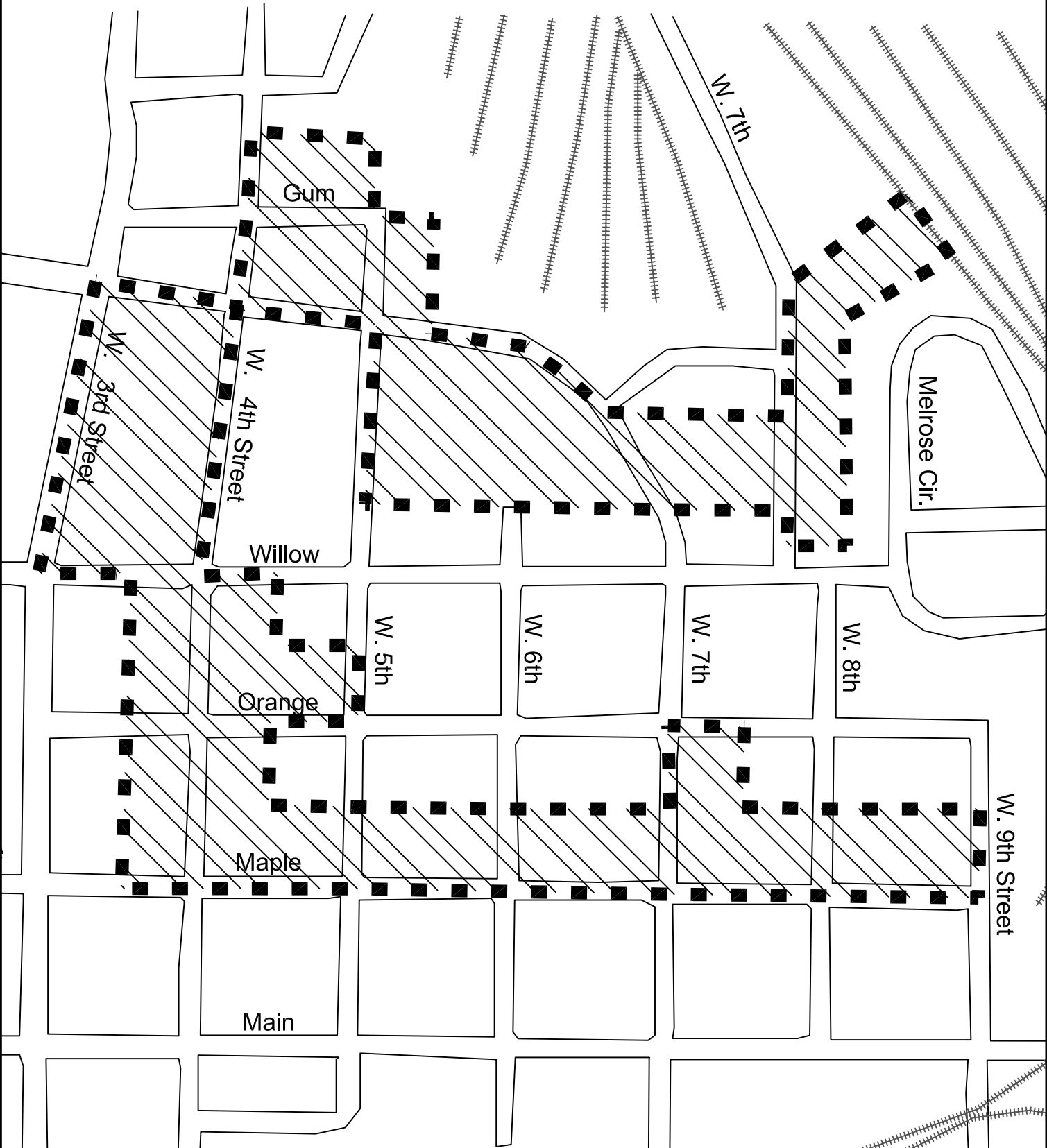
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NORTH

Not to scale.



1. Hours of Operation. All businesses within the district shall be closed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. to provide reduced nighttime activity in order to provide a compatible and peaceful setting conducive of the residential setting.
2. Noise Limitations. All private businesses shall limit outdoor noise to promote a quiet setting. The use of outdoor loud speakers for the purpose of employee paging or communication is specifically banned within the defined district.
3. Exterior Illumination. While security lighting is viewed as a favorable attribute in the district, all such illumination shall be shielded or directed away from residential dwellings.
4. Architectural Design. All new buildings or major exterior alterations shall be compatible with the design theme of the Argenta Historic District. As such, all building permit applications relative to exterior change shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission for a certificate of appropriateness prior to issuance. The Commission may establish architectural guidelines to aid in the accomplishment of its duties.
5. Signage. Signage shall be restricted within the district in order to increase compatibility with the residential setting. As such, signage shall be limited by existing zoning or 10 percent of the front wall, whichever is more restrictive. Signs shall be limited to wall signs, Free standing signs, such as pole or ground signs, billboards, and trailer signs are prohibited within the district. The lighting of signs shall be subdued and backlit signs are prohibited when these are within view of any residential parcel of the Argenta Historic Residential District.
6. Building Height. All new buildings within the district shall not exceed 2.5 stories or 35 feet to improve compatibility and to avoid tall buildings towering over the adjoining residential district.
7. Landscaping. The planting of street trees is encouraged along all streets within the district to increase area tranquility and improve general amenities. Street trees shall be required with the addition of all new primary buildings within the district. All businesses shall provide appropriate screening per the requirements of the existing screening requirements. All parking lots within the district shall provide shade trees using the ratio of one tree per six parking spaces dispersed throughout the parking lot. Low scrub screening, maintained below a height of four feet shall be provided along all street side, sidewalk borders.
8. Dumpster Screening. Efforts should be made to avoid unsightly features within the district. All exterior waste containers shall be located behind a screening device so that the container is view and access from the interior of the lot and oriented to minimize viewing these dumpsters from any public street. The Design Review Board shall approve alternatives to brick or solid wood screening requirements.

9. Fence Design. Barbed wire or razor-wire is specifically prohibited from use within the district. The Planning Commission may establish fence design guidelines as a part of the proposed architectural guidelines.

Section 11.4 MSD – Main Street Overlay District

- A. Description. The Main Street Overlay District is established to provide additional development and design regulations for the area depicted on the overlay map.
- B. “Design Overlay District” or the “District” interchangeable phrases referring to the “Main Street Overlay District.”
- C. “Significant architectural detail or feature” means an architectural element that contributes to the overall style, design or façade of a building. The detail may include architectural elements or materials, including, but not limited to, an arch, bracket, brickwork, capital of a column, corbelling, corniced, dentil, door, eave, fascia, gable, hood mold, latticework, pressed tin, sash, sidelight, shingles, transom, trim and window.
- D. “ADAAG” means the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines 36 CFR § 1191.1 App. A, and any amendments thereto.
- E. “Main Street Design Review Committee” (DRC). A committee established to review design details of new development pursuant to this article. The Planning Commission or a subset of the Commission shall serve as the DRC.

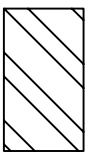
Section 11.4.1 - Main Street Overlay District Purpose and Boundary

- A. The Main Street Overlay District is established with the intent of creating a special urban place. Specific design requirements and environmental controls are established for the district to promote quality redevelopment with special attention to the creation of a pedestrian friendly setting. Exterior design regulations relative to building façade, landscaping, signs and buffers are included to direct the future built-up environment. Land use rights are not the objective of these guidelines. Land use rights for the District have been addressed through the C-6 zoning classification that allows mixed uses within the District – commercial, office and residential – with the belief that mixed use development has the potential of revitalizing the area and creating an improved sense of place. It is hoped that application of these and other regulations will support a more desirable location for the mix of business, cultural, residential and entertainment activities by encouraging economic expansion, increasing land values, while reinforcing the historic significance of the district.
- B. The District encompasses all parcels within the adopted boundaries as is illustrated on Main Street Overlay District Map. The perimeter of the Main Street Overlay District shall include the area bounded by Willow Street (from Riverfront Drive to ½ block North of Broadway), East to Maple Street, Maple (from ½ block N. of Broadway to 9th), 9th Street (from Maple to ½ block E. of Main), the Junction Bridge rail track (9th to Riverfront Drive) and Riverfront Drive (Cypress to Willow).

City of North Little Rock

Main Street Overlay District

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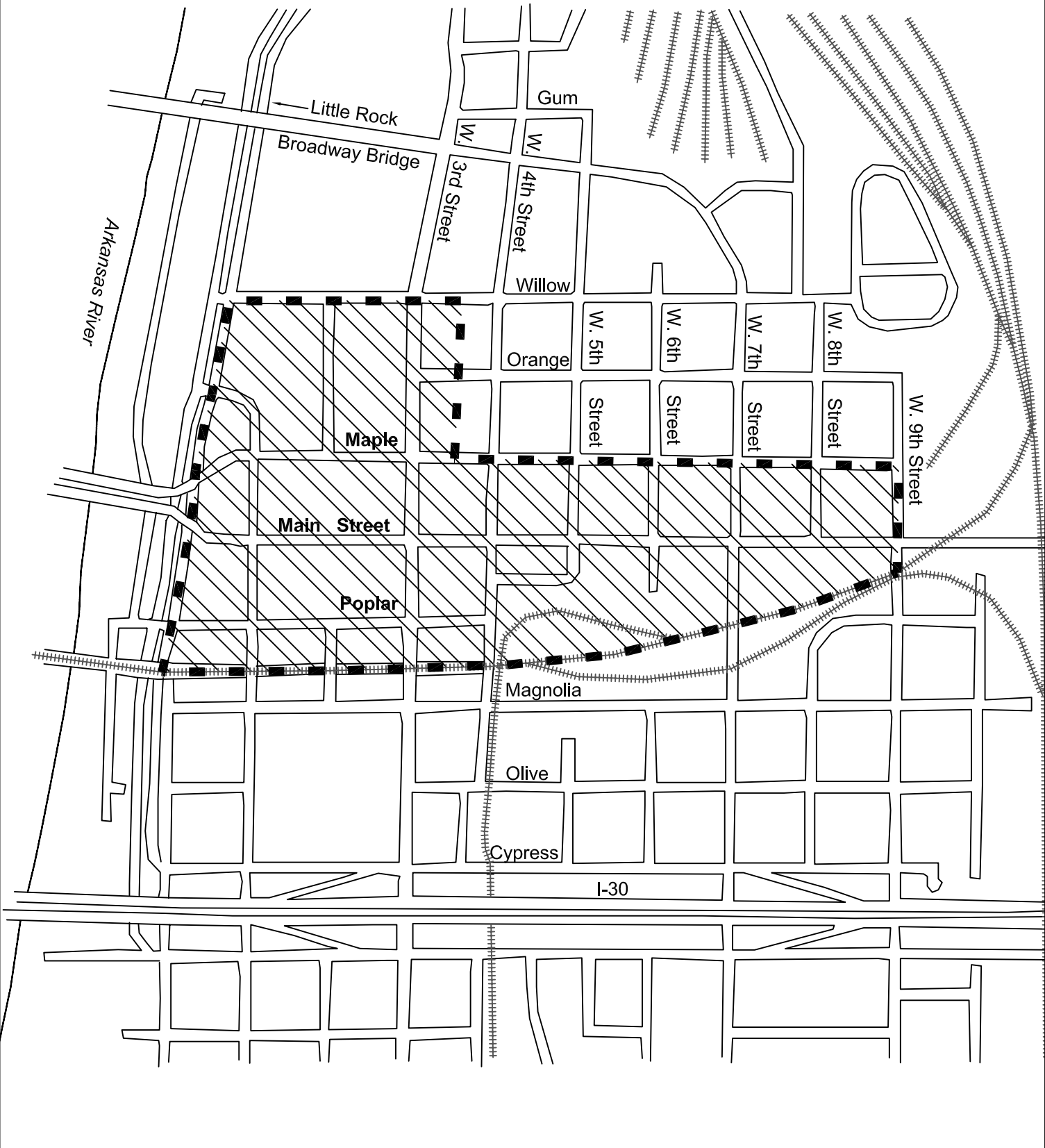
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Section 11.4.2 - Application of regulations and the Design Review Board

- A. The Main Street Overlay regulations shall be applied as additional development regulations and standards above those provided through the existing Sign Ordinance, Screening Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision/Control of Development Regulations of the City.
- B. These regulations shall apply to new development and redevelopment or expansion of existing development. The design guidelines shall be implemented when a building permit is requested for exterior improvements. This ordinance also applies when any exterior improvement is undertaken which may not require a building permit, but affects the exterior visible elements of the structure as determined by the Planning Commission, such as any significant alteration of the exterior of a structure or setting. Routine repairs, maintenance and interior alterations shall not require compliance with this section.
- C. Structures and features of parcels existing on the effective date of this ordinance that do not conform to the standard and guidelines established in this ordinance, shall be treated as nonconforming according to the provisions of Article III of the Zoning Ordinance. City maintenance activity within the public right-of-way is a recognized exemption.
- D. Role of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is the primary citizen body responsible for all planning recommendations and is authorized by the City Council to review plats and replats that result in a change in the recorded land document and may require development or site plan review with any major development. The establishment of the Main Street Overlay allows for more detailed design review and the Planning Commission is to serve in detailing specific design requirements. The review of the Planning Commission may be accomplished either prior to or after the regularly scheduled monthly Commission meeting. The Planning Commission serves as a convenient means of public input on development proposals.
- E. Function of a Design Review Committee of the Planning Commission. The Design Review Committee of the Planning Commission shall serve as the architectural or exterior design review board for the District. The DRC is established to help assure compliance with the intent of the Overlay Regulations. Approval of proposals shall be declared through issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness or Compliance and said certificates shall be a prerequisite to the issuance of building or sign permits. Said certificates of compliance are required prior to the granting of preliminary plat approvals or development regulations variances by either the Zoning or Building and Housing Board of Adjustments within the District when the variance may alter the exterior setting or design.
- F. Submittal of proposals. The developer or designer of exterior improvements to a structure or parcel shall meet with the Design Review Committee (DRC) prior to or after a request for a building permit. No building permit shall be issued without approval of the DRC. The DRC shall meet as necessary to provide a reasonable response to proposals. A written record of DRC recommendations shall be

submitted to all appropriate bodies, e.g., the Planning Commission prior to formal votes on preliminary plat or other development review and to the variance boards prior to the variance hearing.

Section 11.4.3 - Design Standards for Signs, Buildings, Landscaping and Other Features

A. Signs. Buildings, street furnishings, landscaping and signage should all be designed oriented to the pedestrian rather than from the automobile vantage point. The following are sign standards within the District:

1. Number of Signs:

- a. Each building may have one signboard or projecting sign oriented to its primary or entrance frontage.
- b. A building located at a corner may also have one signboard oriented to its secondary or side street frontage.
- c. Awning signs or awning faces may be used in lieu of a signboard or projecting sign.
- d. In addition to a signboard, projecting sign, or awning face sign, a building have one pedestrian sign oriented to each street on which the premises have frontage, relating to each occupancy within the building.

2. Location of Signs.

- a. Signs should be placed at traditional locations such as on storefront belt-courses, upper façade walls (not to exceed 10 percent of the overall wall surface), hanging or mounted inside windows, projecting from the face of the building, or suspended from awning valances.
- b. Awning signs shall be allowed when such signs when such signs are painted or applied flat against the awning surface.
- c. Signs shall not hid significant architectural detail or features of a building.
- d. Signs should not visually clutter nor interfere with the view of the building.
- e. Signs shall not be painted directly on the front façade of the building.
- f. The maximum height of a façade sign shall not extend above the second floor windowsill or above the overhang of a single story building.
- g. Temporary, sandwich and trailer signs are prohibited.
- h. Signs should be adequately spaced from other signs.

- i. Billboards or large free-standing signs unrelated to a building are not permitted.
 - j. Projecting signs shall have a minimum clearance from the sidewalk of 9 feet, and shall not project more than 60 inches, or half the sidewalk width, whichever is less.
 - k. “Ghost” signs (historic painted wall signs) should be preserved.
 - l. Free standing signs are prohibited.
3. Size of Signs.
- a. The sign size should be proportionate to the building and communicate to pedestrians.
 - b. For every one linear foot of building primary or entrance frontage, two square feet of sign area shall be allowed. (Not more than 10% of the overall wall surface.)
 - c. Window signs shall cover no more than 25% of the total glass area.
 - d. Signs should contain lettering which does not exceed 18 inches in height and does not exceed more than 60% of the total sign area.
 - e. Awning signs shall not exceed 6 square feet per awning.
 - f. Projecting signs shall be no more than 15 square feet in size, with a maximum sign height of 3 feet.
4. Material of Signs.
- a. Signs should be of materials such as finished, carved wood, glass, copper, or bronze letters. Signs of plywood or unfinished wood or glossy plastic are not appropriate.
 - b. Interior illumination for plastic signs shall not be allowed.
 - c. Lighting for signs should be concealed and spot or up-lit lighting is recommended.
 - d. Signs should not be illuminated with visible bulbs or luminous paints, but with remote sources.
 - e. Neon illumination is permitted.

- B. Buildings. Since this overlay district includes the Argenta Historic District, it is the intent to preserve and enhance the area with improvements to existing buildings of significant character and to construct new buildings and additions that are compatible with adjacent buildings and design.

1. Existing Buildings.

- a. If historic (50 years and older), preserve (maintain or restore, not remove and alter) existing storefront.
- b. If replacement of the original storefront is due to significant deterioration, it is replaced with features to match the original design and materials.
- c. Original storefront doors should be preserved and maintained. Traditional entrance arrangements such as recessed or flush with the sidewalk should be maintained.
- d. Paint color on commercial buildings should conform to the general streetscape.
- e. Historic materials or distinctive architectural features shall not be removed or hidden.
- f. Surface cleaning of historic structures shall be done with the gentlest possible method.

2. New Construction.

- a. New construction of primary buildings shall maintain, not disrupt, the existing pattern of surrounding buildings along the street by being similar in the following:
 1. Scale (height and width)
 2. Shape
 3. Roof shape and pitch
 4. Orientation to the street
 5. Location and proportion of entrances, windows and divisional bays
 6. Floor-to-floor height
 7. Material and material color
 8. Texture
 9. Placement on the lot
- b. New construction adjacent to the public right of way shall not exceed two stories in height or a total height of 30 feet. Buildings with a set back of 30 feet may be a height of four stories or 54 feet or a combination of both (maximum of 4 stories).
- c. Buildings shall maintain the distinction between upper and lower levels.

- d. New construction wider than the typical building width shall be visually massed to buildings on adjacent sites.
 - e. The primary façade of a building shall be oriented parallel with the street.
- 3. Projections.
 - a. Objects shall not project from the building façade over the public right of way except for awnings and balconies.
 - b. Awnings shall not project more than 7 feet from the building façade and have a minimum clearance of 10 feet above the sidewalk.
 - c. Balconies over the public right of way shall have a minimum clearance of 10 feet above the sidewalk.
- 4. Demolition.
 - a. The demolition of any original feature or part of a historic building should be avoided.
 - b. Demolition of a building which contributes to the historic or architectural integrity of the historic district should not occur, unless:
 - 1. Public safety and welfare requires the removal of a building or structure as determined by the building or code inspector and concurring reports commissioned by and acceptable to the DRC from a structural engineer, architect, or other person expert in historic preservation.
 - 2. Where economic hardship (the fact that no reasonable return on or use of the building exists) has been demonstrated, proved and accepted by the DRC.
 - 3. Where rehabilitation is undesirable due to severe structural instability or deterioration of a building.
 - 4. The building has lost its original architectural integrity and no longer contributes to the district.
 - 5. No other reasonable alternative is feasible, including relocation of the building.
- 5. Awnings.
 - a. Colors shall be compatible with others used in adjacent buildings.
 - b. Awnings shall relate to the shape of the opening.

- c. Awnings shall have a minimum clearance of 10 feet from the sidewalk.
 - d. Awnings shall not project more than 7 feet from the building façade.
 - e. Awnings shall be composed of canvas, vinyl coated canvas, acrylic fabrics or other architectural materials compatible with the building and acceptable to the DRC.
 - f. Awnings shall cover only the store front display windows, balconies or transom above the main entrance, upper façade details shall not be obscured.
 - g. Retractable canvas awnings are allowed but shall not extend more than 7 feet and maintain a clear height of 9 feet.
6. Mechanical Systems and Site Utilities. HVAC units should be located where not readily visible from the street.
7. Maintenance. Owners shall maintain all structures and improvements to keep in good visual and structural order, including:
- a. Roofs, gutters, and down spouts
 - b. Exterior paint
 - c. Awnings
 - d. Signage
 - e. Entrances
 - f. Windows
- C. Sidewalks shall be located along both sides of all streets and sidewalk passages are encouraged throughout the area to encourage a pedestrian friendly place. Promenade style sidewalks, sidewalks having a width of 11 feet, are to be established on Main Street, Broadway and Willow Street within the District. The design of these promenade walks shall follow the design underway in the Main Street Historic District. Other streets shall have sidewalks of a minimum 5 feet width. Sidewalks shall be constructed in accordance with the following design details:
- 1. Sidewalk Pavement Pattern. Broom finished concrete with tooled joints 18 x 36 inches running bond pattern perpendicular to the curb. Commence the pattern from a point where the corner property line extends across the sidewalk. Tooled joints shall have an edge radius of ¼ inch. Construction and expansion joints shall coincide with the tooled pattern. Expansion joints shall be installed every 12 feet and offset from the cross paver band. All sidewalk surfaces shall be constructed in accordance with the tolerances and standards of the ADAAG.
 - 2. Paver appearance recommended on all promenade sidewalks. A cross band of pavers shall be installed every 12 feet. A paver band shall be installed parallel with and along the back of the street curb. The design review board shall select the paver to be used throughout the overlay district.

3. **Curbs and Gutters.** The radius of all curbs and gutters at street intersections shall be 25 feet at back of curb and shall align with the outside dimensions required for two lanes of traffic 14 feet wide from the existing centerline (or as required by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the North Little Rock Traffic Engineer). On Main Street, the curb and gutter shall transition at a ratio of 2:1 back to the 12 foot sidewalk to permit parking on both sides of the street. All curbs in the Overlay District shall have width of 6 inches and a finished height of 6 inches. Gutters shall be 18 inches wide and integral to the curb. Curbs and gutters shall be constructed of concrete with broomed finish.
4. **Curb Ramps.** Install one curb ramp in compliance with ADAAG at each corner of an intersection to accommodate both cross walks. All curbs will transition to be nearly level with the roadway pavement at a ration of 6:1 forming a concrete band 24 inches wide between the sidewalk and crosswalk at the curb ramp to facilitate wheelchair access. Appropriate texture changes for the visually impaired shall be provided. All curb ramps shall be constructed in accordance with ADAAG guidelines. The curb-gutter lip shall be extended in the above proscribed arc across the front of the curb ramp to provide visual and textural contrast between traffic and pedestrian surfaces and to direct storm water runoff.
5. **Crosswalks** shall be six feet wide, and constructed in a decorative look compatible with the adjoining promenade sidewalk. One side of the crosswalk shall be aligned with the intersecting street right-of-way as extended across the intersection. The pavement enclosed by the crosswalks at each intersection shall be broom finished concrete, unless otherwise specified by the DRC.
6. **Street Lighting.** Historically relevant street lamps shall be placed at the intersection of the cross paver band and the curb-paver band, at a spacing of approximately 36 feet on center. The lamp posts and fixtures shall be selected and specified by the North Little Rock Historic District Commission for use throughout the Overlay District. The lamp posts shall include options for hanging planter brackets and banners from them. The posts shall be 12 feet high to the bottom of the fixture. Metal haylide lamps providing an average light level of 2 foot candles shall be provided. The lamps shall avoid spilling light into second story windows of adjacent buildings.

D. Landscaping.

1. Existing trees assist the development of pleasing pedestrian environment and thus are a valued asset in the Overlay District. All possible efforts shall be made in the preservation, renovation, and development of properties within the district to save and protect existing trees. Tree preservation plans showing trees to be saved, trees to be removed and tree preservation details shall be prepared for all development plans.
2. Street trees shall be maintained to be of moderate size at maturity and a medium density canopy that offers shade, but does not screen out buildings in the Overlay

District. Street trees selected for the Overlay District are identified in Group 1 of the landscape Plant Materials List. Substitute street trees of equal equality may be approved by the DRC.

Street trees may be omitted in front of buildings that have full canopies along their street façade. Where street trees are desired, they shall be planted in 3x3 foot grated planting holes, along the promenade streets, approximately 36 feet on center at the midpoints between lamp posts. A tree grate style shall be selected by the DRC for the Overlay District. A concrete tree grate frame shall be formed into the concrete surrounding the tree well. Line all tree planting wells with plastic root guards to reduce the potential for curb and sidewalk buckling. All street tree plantings shall be irrigated and provided with a sub-drainage system.

3. Plant materials proposed for use in the Overlay District for street trees, shade, screening and landscaping shall be selected from the following groups. Generally, any plant material may be used in the downtown area that is low maintenance, known to grow well in this climate, is normally disease and pest free, and is not considered a nuisance. Plant materials proposed for use in landscape plans governed by this ordinance that are not shown on the list below shall be submitted for approval by the DRC on a case by case basis.

Group 1 – Street Trees.

Trees selected for this category are deciduous with medium canopies and human scale. All trees shall be single trunk, well branched specimens. Street trees shall be planted in clusters of the same type, a minimum of three trees per cluster.

Crape Myrtle (tree form)	Honey Locust Cultivars	Chinese Parasol Tree
Kousa Dogwood	Chinese Elm	Siberian Elm
Amure Maple	Japanese Maple	Golden Rain Tree

Group 2 – Shade Trees.

Plants selected for this group are long lived broad spreading deciduous shade trees. Deciduous trees shade parking areas in summer and promote snow and ice melting in winter.

Red Maple Cultivars	Tulip Poplar	Sycamore
Water Oak	Sawtooth Oak	Scarlet Oak

Group 3 – Large screening Shrubs.

Plants selected from this group are for screening between objectionable uses or views. Use of this category shall be limited to reduce hiding areas for illegal activities. To create an opaque screen, install the plants 6 feet on center. Space and maintain plants to grow into a low maintenance

interconnected mass. Maximum screening is achieved when screening shrubs are installed six feet on center, in two staggered rows, offset 3 feet.

Cherry Laurel	Cleyera	Nellie R Stephens Holly
Sasanqua Camelia	Buford Holley	Foster's Holly
Indian Azalea	American Holly	Yaupon Holly (tree form)
Forsythia	Weigela	Eleagnus

Group 4 – Medium and Small Landscape Shrubs.

Plants selected from this group are for parking lot landscaping, screening utilities, and foundation type plantings and other uses. Space and maintain plants to grow into a low maintenance interconnected mass.

Group 5 – Groundcovers.

Abelia Varities	Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Dwarf Chinese Holly
Aucuba Varities (limited)	Nandina Varieties	Helleri Holly
Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Dwarf Azalea (limited)	Dleyera
Spirea Species	Hydrangea	Boxwood
Juniper Species	Japanese Andromeda	Viburnum Species

Plants selected for this category must be evergreen and have low maintenance characteristics.

Liriope 'Big Blue'	Mondo Grass	Dwarf Bamboo
English Ivy	Ajuga	Andorra Juniper
Shore Jumper	Blue Rug Juniper	Andorra Juniper

Group 6 – Hardy Perennials.

Daylily Cultivars	Hosta Cultivars (shade only)	Iris Species
Ornamental Grasses	Chrysanthemum Species	Sedum
Purple Cone Flower	Peony Varieties	Daisy Species
Naturalized Bulbs		

4. Plant Size.

Group 1 – Street trees shall have a minimum caliper of 2-2.5 inches with a minimum branching height of 6 feet. Trees planted in plazas and public open spaces shall have a minimum caliper of 1.5- 2 inches with a minimum branching height of 6 feet.

Group 2 – Shade trees shall have a minimum caliper of 3 – 3.5 inches with a minimum branching height of 6 feet.

Group 3 – Screening shrubs shall have a minimum height of 36 – 48 inches, shall be well shaped and provided in 5 gallon containers or balled and burlapped.

Group 4 – Landscape shrubs shall have a minimum height of 18 – 24 inches, shall be well shaped, and provided in 3 gallon containers or balled and burlapped.

Group 5 – Groundcovers shall be viable, well rooted cuttings. Minimum container size is one quart. Smaller stock is permitted in large applications with approval of the DRC.

Group 6 – Perennials shall be viable, well-rooted cuttings. Minimum container size is one quart. Smaller stock is permitted in larger applications with approval of the DRC.

5. Planting Areas.

- a. Street Trees: All street trees shall be installed in 3 x 3 foot tree wells in approved locations in the public rights-of-way.
 - b. Interior Landscape Areas: Landscape areas provided for shade trees in parking areas shall have a minimum area of 800 square feet.
 - c. Perimeter Landscape Strips: Landscape strips that screen parking areas and other uses shall have a minimum unpaved surface width of 3 feet.
 - d. Planting Beds: Planting beds in public right-of-way shall have a minimum area of 30 square feet. Provide all beds with irrigation and sub-drainage as noted. All planted beds shall be prepared to a minimum depth of one foot.
 - e. Other Landscape Areas: Landscaping on private property shall promote the use of plant materials on the Landscape Plant Materials List to foster visual unity within the Overlay District.
6. Landscape Mulch. Landscape mulch inhibits weed growth, retains soil moisture, reduces erosion and reduces maintenance. All non-lawn planting areas shall maintain a mulch cover with a minimum depth of three inches. Recommended mulch types are: shredded cypress bark or shredded hardwood bark mulch. Pine Bark mulch is not recommended due to the product's tendency to scatter.
7. Irrigation systems shall provide 2 irrigation bubbler heads per tree well in the public right-of-way and for each shade tree in interior landscape areas. All other irrigation systems shall be designed to provide water equivalent to 1 inch of rainfall per week. All irrigation systems shall have back flow preventers. Automatic controllers shall not be mounted in the public right-of-way or oriented toward areas visible to the public. All valve control covers shall have snap locks and shall be located within a tree well or landscape area.
8. Tree Grates. A grate style shall be selected by the DRC and provided for all street trees in the public right-of-way approved by the DRC. The grate shall be 3

x 3 inches cast iron with slot openings no more than 1/4" wide. Tree grates shall be set into a concrete and angle iron collar.

9. Sub Drainage. A gravel drain shall be installed connecting multiple tree wells. The drain shall consist of a 4 inch perforated pipe, in washed gravel, wrapped in geotextile fabric. The drainpipe shall be connected to the storm sewer system. A gravel drain bed 6 inch deep shall be installed at the bottom of all tree wells 4 feet below finished grade. The drain bed shall be sloped toward the gravel drain with the perforated pipe described above.
10. Accessory Landscape Standards. The following minimum standards shall apply to all properties within the Overlay District.
 - a. Parking Areas – Provide a screening band of vegetation from Group 3 with an installed height of 18 inches and a mature height maintained at 24 to 30 inches around all parking areas except where they abut buildings. Install trees from Group 1 at a spacing of 15 foot on center within the plant screen. Install shade trees from Group 4 within the parking area to shade asphalt surfaces providing 1 for every 6 parking spaces. All parking lot landscaping and screening shall be irrigated and maintained.
 - b. Utilities – Screen all waste collection, air conditioning units, transformers, telephone pedestals, and other site utilities or equipment deemed objectionable by the DRC from or screening vegetation selected from Group 3 or both.
 - c. Delivery and Shipping Areas – These areas may be screened if determined by the DRC to be detrimental to pedestrian use and activity.

E. Other Street Furnishings and Elements.

1. Street furnishings are defined as benches, planters, clocks, trash receptacles, news media machines, and other street fixtures not permanently attached to the pavement. Placement of all street furnishings shall be approved by the DRC to maximize use and efficiency by downtown patrons. The street furnishings shall be clustered for patron use, ease of maintenance, shopkeeper convenience, and vandal resistance. Two to three street furniture clusters shall be placed on each side of a linear block. Street furnishing clusters shall be placed in locations approximating those on the Overlay District Master Plan. Locations facing the street, near fire hydrants (with Fire Department approval), or in shady areas are preferred. Locations are negotiable with property and/or shop owners. Placement of furnishings in front of more than 25% of a shop display window shall be avoided unless supported by the property owner. No advertising shall be permitted on any of the elements in a street furniture cluster. A typical street-furnishing cluster shall be composed of 1-2 benches, 3-5 planters of carrying size, and 1-2 trash receptacles. Street furnishings types shall be selected by the DRC for use throughout the Overlay District.

2. Planters shall be simple in form, square or round, 1 foot, to 2 feet high, 2 feet to 3 feet in width, and constructed of a heavy, weatherproofed, material.
3. Benches shall have a design popular in parks of the early 1900's, be 6 foot long with middle arms, and clustered with planters.
4. Trash receptacles shall be of a design popular in parks of the early 1900's. Trash receptacles shall be located behind the curb or against buildings, at the ends and midpoints of blocks, and shall be part of a street furnishing cluster. Single, free standing trash receptacles shall be avoided. Provide a minimum of 3 trash receptacles per side of block.
5. Traffic signals shall have modern electronics, pedestrian or automatic crossing controls, and a fixture style sympathetic to the historic period of the Overlay District.
6. Street Signs and other directional or informational signage shall have an antique character as may be permitted within the regulations of the traffic code as adopted by the City of North Little Rock or as approved by the City Traffic Engineer. Cross walk signals shall be provided at each signalized intersection on the Overlay District to enhance pedestrian safety and identify the area as a pedestrian zone.
7. Flags and banners above street lamps shall be interchangeable to advise of special events and shall be of appropriate scale. All proposed flags and banners, other than the national, state of City flag, shall be treated as commercial signs and reviewed by the DRC.
8. Utilities. If possible, all utilities except water shall be relocated to the alley behind the buildings that front the street at the time of street renovation. All electrical services shall be underground unless supplied from the alley. Above ground meters in front of buildings or facing public right-of-way shall not be permitted. No overhead utilities are permitted on street rights-of-way in the Overlay District.
9. Storm drainage shall be of adequate capacity with unobtrusive inlets. Place inlets within parking areas where possible. Avoid street corners and crosswalk areas.
10. Trolley System. Streetscape design decisions must be compatible with long range planning for trolley type transportation for downtown patrons.
11. Deliveries of Goods and Services to Businesses. To foster a pedestrian friendly environment, all deliveries of goods and services to businesses within the district shall be from the alley side of the establishment to the greatest extent possible.
12. Bus shelters and information kiosks shall be uniform in architectural style and character with nearby streetscape equipment and building form.

13. Newspaper stands shall be of the same style and size and be incorporated as an integral part of the street furnishings.

F. Automobile Parking.

1. Location. The C-6 classification does not require parking as is required with other categories. The following are design guidelines to regulate parking within the District.
 - a. Parking lots shall not surround a building.
 - b. Buildings should not be removed to provide surface parking unless no other economically viable alternative is available.
 - c. Parking shall be clustered or located in rear or side of buildings.
 - d. Parking decks and lots shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.
2. Parking landscaping. Parking lots shall comply with the minimum requirements as established in the previous section.
3. Parking lot lighting and design.
 - a. Parking lot lighting shall match the style used on the streetscape.
 - b. Parking lot design shall be sensitive to the purposes and intent of the District.
 - c. Handicapped accessible parking shall be provided pursuant to ADAAG standards. (See 4.1.2(5) (a) and 4.6.3 in the ADAAG 36 CFR manual.)
 - d. Passenger loading zones shall be provided pursuant to ADAAG 4.6.6.

G. Curb-Cuts.

1. Placement. Proper traffic engineering measures shall be applied to reduce the number of curb-cuts and properly space curb-cuts to promote more pedestrian friendly environment areas.
 - a. New curb cuts on Main Street are specifically prohibited.
 - b. Existing curb cuts may be removed or minimized to reduce conflict with pedestrian traffic.
2. Number per block. Curb-cuts shall be minimized to allow for safe and efficient pedestrian movement throughout the Main Street District. It is recommended that no more than two curb-cuts be allowed along a block within the district. An alley should be counted as a curb-cut and the alley should be used where possible as the primary curb-cut since it is located mid-block.
3. Size. Driveway width shall be no wider than 22 feet provided that the DRC may adjust the width to correspond with a recommendation of the Director of Public Works Department if such adjustment is consistent with the uses in the district.

H. Alleys. Alleys shall serve as efficient service access for vehicles and have adequate lighting.

I. Fences and Walls.

1. Chain link fences and razor or barbed wire are prohibited within the District.
2. Ornamental iron fences may be appropriate where compatible with the style of adjoining buildings.

J. Views.

1. New construction should be designed to preserve consistency of front building setback.
2. Building height should be limited to 30 feet for that area South of Washington Avenue to preserve views from the Alltel Arena and protect the riverfront as an open space.
3. Significant public landmark structures should be located at major roadway crossings to create corridor views, orient travelers and establish a sense of place.
4. New construction shall be designed to preserve consistency of front building setback.

K. Maintenance: Buildings, signs, landscaping and street fixtures should be maintained to reduce vandalism and increase property values.

L. Environmental Controls. The Main Street District was established to create a quality, pedestrian friendly setting conducive of supporting regional entertainment objectives. Environmental control measures are needed to achieve this objective.

1. Hours of operation: Commercial business hours for businesses shall be from 5 a.m. to 2 a.m. Use exceptions to this regulation include hotels and all businesses accommodating sleep, security services, cleaning services, and automated services. Legal, existing uses operating later than the 2 a.m. closure restriction at the time of adoption of this overlay district are recognized as nonconforming uses.
2. Businesses within the district are prohibited from using outdoor loud speakers without express approval of the DRC.
3. The ground floor on Main Street shall be retail, entertainment, residential or professional services to promote a pedestrian friendly environment. For this reason, new parking decks on Main Street shall establish retain operations on the ground floor fronting Main Street.

M. Variances. All local appeals of decisions of the Design Review Committee shall be before the City Council. Variances to the hours of operation restriction may be requested through the Special Use Permit Procedure.

Section 11.5 - Argenta Historic District

A. Purpose.

1. Effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of such areas and improvement of districts which represent or reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history.
2. Safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such areas.
3. Stabilize and improve property values in such districts
4. Foster civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past.
5. Protect and enhance the City's attractions to tourists and visitors.
6. Strengthen the economy of the City.
7. Promote the use of historic districts and landmarks for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the people of the City.

B. District Boundary. The Argenta Historic District encompasses all property as described as follows: blocks 21, 30, 31, 40, 41 Original City of Argenta; and blocks 1-3 Melrose Place Addition; and north half of blocks 4-5 Hudson's Addition; and block 6 less lot 10 Hudson's Addition; and blocks 1-12 Clendenin's Addition; and blocks 5-7 Faucett's Addition; and block 4 less lots 1A-10A and less lots 1R-5R Faucett's Addition; and blocks 1-2 Martha Cohen's Addition; and lot 1R Wilkins Addition; and lots 2-6 Faucett Triangle; and land described as follows: beginning at the SE corner of lot 48 block 1 of Melrose Place Addition, commence S 1° W for approximately 100 feet; thence N 89° W approximately 150 feet; thence north approximately 100 feet to a point lying on the south lot line of lot 46 block 1 Melrose Place Addition; thence S 89° E approximately 150 feet along the south lot lines of lots 46-48 block 1 Melrose Place Addition to the point of beginning.

C. Definitions. See Article 2

D. North Little Rock Historic District Commission.

1. The Historic District Commission shall consist of no less than 5 and no more than nine members appointed by the Mayor of the City, subject to confirmation by the North Little Rock City Council.
2. Members of the Historic District Commission shall include 2 persons who own property within the historic district, one of whom must also reside in a historic district, 1 architect, and 1 historian.

3. The appointments to membership on the Commission shall initially be arranged so that the term of at least 1 member will expire each year. Their successors shall be appointed in a like manner for a term of 3 years. Vacancies shall be filled in the like manner for the unexpired term.
4. All members shall serve without compensation.
5. The Commission shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually from its membership. Members may serve on other municipal boards or commissions

E. Historic District Commission Authority and Responsibilities.

1. Adopt or amend its own rules and regulations by a vote of not less than three quarters of all members present and voting.
2. Conduct surveys and studies of neighborhoods, areas, places, structures, objects, and improvements within the City for the purpose of determining those of distinctive historic, community, architectural, archeological interest or value.
3. Nominate buildings, structures, objects, and historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places.
4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of ordinances designating areas as having special historic community or architectural value as “historic district” and add these historic districts to the provisions of this ordinance.
5. Keep a register of all properties and structures that have been designated as historically significant, including all information required for each designation.
6. Obtain the services of qualified persons to direct, advise, and assist the History Commission.
7. Request and receive any appropriate information, cooperation, assistance, or studies from any City departments, boards, agencies, or commissions and any joint city-county departments, boards, agencies, or commissions.
8. Advise and assist owners of historic properties within historic districts on physical and financial aspects of preservation, renovation, rehabilitation, reuse, and on procedures for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.
9. Promote the education and understanding of North Little Rock’s heritage.

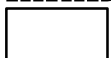
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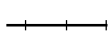
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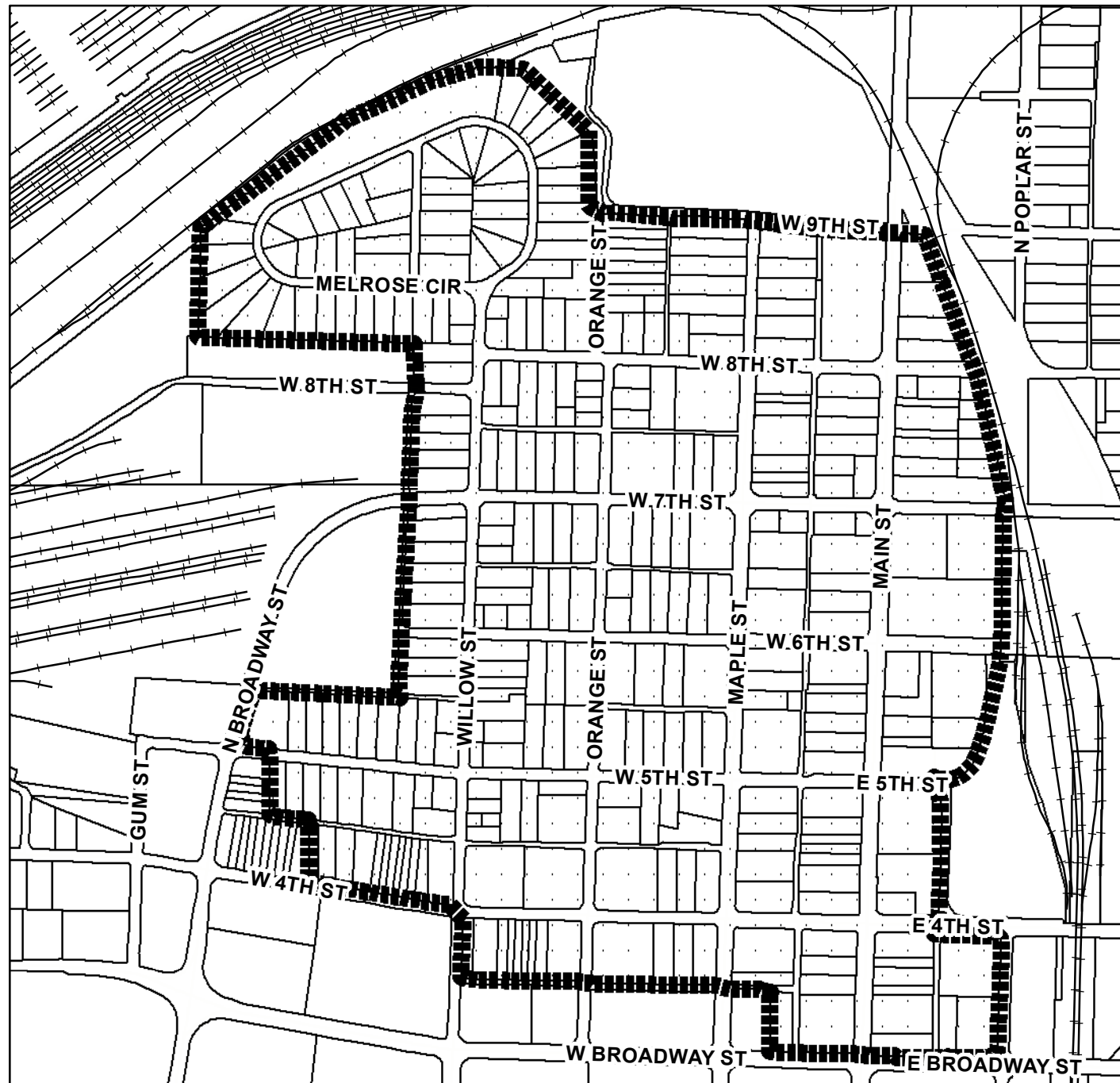
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3. A Certificate of Appropriateness shall be required whether or not a building permit is required.
4. Proposed repairs, alterations, new construction, moving or demolition in the Historic District shall respect and relate to the special character of the District shall respect and relate to the special character of the District. Changes shall be evaluated on the basis of:
 - a. The purpose of this ordinance.
 - b. The architectural or historic value or significance of a building and its relationship to the surrounding area.
 - c. The general compatibility of proposed changes.
 - d. Any other factor, including visual and aesthetic considered pertinent.
5. Repairs considered as part of a building's ordinary maintenance are those that do not change but simply upgrade a structure, including replacing deteriorated porch flooring, stairs, siding or trim in the same material and texture, replacing or adding screens, gutters or downspouts. These repairs shall not require a Certificate of Appropriateness, but may require review.
6. The Commission shall encourage proposed changes which reflect the original design of the structure, based on photographs, written description or other historical documentation, and be guided by the following preferences:
 - a. It is preferable to preserve by maintenance rather than to repair original features of the building.
 - b. It is preferable to repair rather than to reconstruct if possible.
 - c. It is preferable to restore by reconstruction of original features rather than to remove or remodel.
 - d. Contemporary design shall not be excluded from consideration.
7. When evaluating the general compatibility of alterations to the exterior of any building in the Historic District, the Commission shall consider, but not be limited to, the following factors within the building's area of influence:
 - a. Site.
 - b. Height.
 - c. Proportion.
 - d. Rhythm.
 - e. Roof area.
 - f. Entrance area.
 - g. Wall area.
 - h. Detailing.
 - i. Façade.
 - j. Scale.
 - k. Massing.

10. Hold public hearings to review applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.
11. Adopt the Secretary of Interiors standards for rehabilitation as a general information source when making determinations.
12. Periodically review the North Little Rock Zoning Ordinance and to recommend to the Planning Commission and the City Council any amendments appropriate for the protection and continued use of property within historic districts.
13. Review and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on all conditional uses, rezoning, and variances that affect properties within historic districts.
14. Testify before all boards and commissions on any matter affecting architecturally and or historically significant properties.
15. Destroy, exchange or otherwise dispose of in accordance with the law, any materials in its possession, except borrowed materials, which it may find to be worthless or surplus to its needs.
16. Establish and make reasonable charges for furnishing copies of materials in its possession or for sale of historic memorabilia or signs.
17. Expend any moneys arising from grants, contributions or gratuities, and receive bequests or donations of real or personal property and convert into money any such property which can not be used in the form received, and expend the same for any of the functions performable by it.
18. Cooperate with and receive the cooperation of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, historical associations and other non-profit organizations devoted to the history of this city and state.
19. Take such action, not inconsistent with the law, as it shall deem necessary in the performance of any of its functions.

F. Certificate of Appropriateness.

1. No building or structure, including but not limited to stone walls, fences, light fixtures, steps, paving or other appurtenant fixtures shall be erected, altered, restored, moved, or demolished within the Historic District until an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness has been submitted and approved by the History Commission.
2. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness shall have been issued by the Commission prior to the issuance of a building permit or other permit granted for the purpose of constructing or altering structures.

8. Additions to existing buildings shall be judged in the same manner as new construction and shall complement the design of the original building.
9. New construction shall be judged on its ability to blend with the existing neighborhood and area of influence.
10. No Certificate of Appropriateness is required for projects not visible from the street.

Section 11.6 – Flood Plain Overlay District

- A. The North Little Rock Zoning Map shows District Boundaries based upon the best available information at a City-wide scale. The actual boundaries of this district, however, shall be determined by field verification.
- B. Any area that, upon field verification is determined to have one or more of the following characteristics shall be included in the District:
 1. Floodplains along the 100-year floodplain as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agencies (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, or the Flood of record;
 2. Land along streams, bayous, meander scar lakes, and wetlands subject to inundation, severe bank erosion, undercutting, or stream bed course alteration (bed alteration).
- C. General Development Procedures. The following procedures shall be followed in the circumstances stated:
 1. Fill material shall not be placed in the flood plain until a study shall prove the floodway discharge is not increased by more than 1 foot and a fill permit is issued by the City's floodplain manager.
 2. Fill material shall not be placed in an established floodway under any circumstances.
- D. The Uses of Land and Buildings. See the Table of Permitted Uses in Article 21 of this ordinance for uses permitted in the Flood Plain Overlay District.
- E. Permitted Structures. No structures shall be permitted in the Flood Plain Overlay district except those used in the operation of the permitted uses. In general, the first floor elevation must be proven to be one foot above the designated floodplain elevation.

Section 11.7 – Washington Avenue Overlay District

- A. Maximum Height. No building South of Washington Avenue, between Willow and Cypress Streets, shall be allowed to exceed the height of 5 stories or 60 feet in order to protect area views of the Arkansas River.

Section 11.8 – East Broadway Sign Overlay District

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this overlay district is to improve the appearance of East Broadway by reducing visual clutter caused by freestanding signs.
- B. District Boundaries. Properties one-half block north and south (approximately 150 feet from right-of-way) of East Broadway and between Highway 165 and Cedar Street.
- C. All wall mounted, under-canopy, projecting and awning signs are permitted as allowed in Article 14.
- D. Design Standards for Signs.
 - 1. Freestanding signs are prohibited.
 - 2. All permitted ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 10 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Ground mounted signs shall not exceed 2 square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 64 square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
 - 3. Where a building is on a corner and has more than one main street frontage, one additional ground mounted sign shall be permitted on the additional frontage, not to exceed the size limitations of other permitted ground mounted signs.
 - 4. Illumination shall not be greater than 300-foot lamberts of luminance.
- E. Variances. All requests for a variance of the East Broadway Sign Overlay District will be to the Housing and Building Board of Adjustment (Sign Board).

Section 11.9 – Camp Robinson Road Sign Overlay District

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this overlay district is to improve the appearance of Camp Robinson Road by reducing visual clutter caused by freestanding signs.
- B. District Boundaries. Properties that abut:
 - 1. Camp Robinson Road,
 - 2. Remount Road between Camp Robinson Road and Maryland,
 - 3. Pike Avenue between 33rd and 34th Streets

- C. All wall mounted, under-canopy, projecting and awning signs are permitted as allowed in Article 14.
- D. Design Standards for Signs.
 - 1. Freestanding signs are prohibited.
 - 2. All permitted ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 10 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Ground mounted signs shall not exceed 2 square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 64 square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
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 - 4. Illumination shall not be greater than 300-foot lamberts of luminance.
- F. Variances. All requests for a variance of the Camp Robinson Road Sign Overlay District will be to the Housing and Building Board of Adjustment (Sign Board).

Section 11.10 – JFK Boulevard Sign Overlay District

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this overlay district is to improve the appearance of JFK Boulevard by reducing visual clutter caused by freestanding signs.
- B. District Boundaries. Properties that abut JFK Boulevard between Interstate 40 and North Hills Boulevard.
- C. All wall mounted, under-canopy, projecting and awning signs are permitted as allowed in Article 14.
- D. Design Standards for Signs.
 - 1. Freestanding signs are prohibited.
 - 2. All permitted ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 10 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Ground mounted signs shall not exceed 2 square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 64 square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
 - 3. Where a building is on a corner and has more than one main street frontage, one additional ground mounted sign shall be permitted on the additional frontage, not to exceed the size limitations of other permitted ground mounted signs.
 - 4. Illumination shall not be greater than 300-foot lamberts of luminance.

- E. Variances. All requests for a variance of the JFK Boulevard Sign Overlay District will be to the Housing and Building Board of Adjustment (Sign Board).

Section 11.11 – River Road Overlay District

A. Area Description and Boundaries:

1. The River Road Overlay District is comprised of residential and commercial properties in the southern portion of the Baring Cross neighborhood.
2. The established boundaries of the district are as follows: An area bounded by Pike Avenue and the Baring Cross Bridge on the east, West 9th Street on the north, property adjacent to Vestal, Frank and Division Streets on the west, and the Arkansas River on the south.

- B. Purpose and Intent. The purpose and intent of the River Road Overlay is to ensure that infill residential developments are compatible in building and structural orientation, height, lot dimensional requirements and other site spatial relationships to the precedent within the established neighborhood.

- C. Compliance. Every application for new residential dwellings shall comply with all applicable overlay district and underlying zoning district standards. In cases of conflict, the more restrictive standards shall apply. These are the minimum requirements that must be met in order to obtain approval.

- D. Review procedures. Final compliance with all building design and site standards will be determined during the permit review process.

E. Residential building standards.

1. Orientation. The front façade of all new residential structures shall be oriented towards the front of the lot so that access is readily apparent from the adjoining street.
2. Façade.
 - a. Residences shall maintain a minimal dimension such that no façade is less than 20 feet in width.
 - b. All facades shall include windows, doors, or other openings.
3. Foundation and floor elevation.
 - a. The foundation of residences shall be solid and continuous around the perimeter of the primary structure.
 - b. Floor height: The finished floor height of all new principal structures shall be a minimum of eighteen 18 inches above the finish grade at the front building face and must meet all applicable storm water requirements.

4. Front Porch.

- a. Covered porches shall be encouraged; a minimum of 6 feet in depth and may encroach the front setback line to within 7 feet of the front property line.
- b. Porches must be at least 40 percent of the width of the front of the house.

5. Roofs.

- a. The minimum roof pitch for new principal structures shall be a minimum 6:12 pitch. Open porches and dormers are excluded from this requirement.
- b. Roofs of residences shall have a minimum 12 inch eave, excluding gutters. The eave is measured from the structure wall to the outside drip edge.
- c. Height of residential buildings is limited to 35 feet.

6. Materials. Below are recommendations for approved materials. In no instance will materials in conflict with the guidelines of Section 12.20 be allowed.
Material List for All Styles:

- a. Shutters. Vinyl and Hardwood
- b. Siding. The siding of residences shall be of customary design and materials, including exterior grade plywood panel, hardboard, lumber, cedar shingles, other wood, vinyl, aluminum, steel, stone, stucco, brick or masonry siding materials to be consistent with the character of existing neighborhoods. Vertical ribbed or corrugated steel siding shall not be allowed.
- c. Roofing. Asphalt, fiberglass, stone, clay, or wood shingles, standing seam metal roofs, zinc coated.
- d. Windows. Energy efficient vinyl, aluminum, wood.
- e. Foundations. Common brick, concrete block, or stucco is acceptable. The foundation of residences shall be solid and continuous around the perimeter of the primary structure.
- f. Chimneys. Common brick, stone, or stucco.

F. Residential site requirements:

- 1. Setbacks. Front yard setback lines for residential property shall be 15 feet from the property line for enclosed rooms of the residence. Front yard covered porches shall be allowed within 7 feet of the front property line. The underlying zoning district shall define all other setback requirements.
- 2. Accessory structures. See Section 12.2
- 3. Attached garages.

- a. On residential lots with alleys, the attached garage shall be oriented to the alley.
 - b. Where no alley exists, the attached garage shall not exceed 1/3 of the front of the dwelling and the structural edge of the vehicular entrance to the garage shall be constructed no closer to the street than 2 feet behind the front wall of the principal structure.
- 4. Fencing. All residential provisions of Section 12.15 shall apply.
- 5. Alley access. If an existing lot is adjacent to an open and used public alley, vehicular access to the site from the alley is required as the primary access point.
- 6. Parking. Where alleys are present, parking is to be oriented from the alley. No driveway shall be constructed from the road to the front yard face of the principal structure unless providing vehicular access to an attached garage or carport.
- 7. Landscaping.
 - a. Landscaping should be irrigated properly, and maintained to include weeding, pruning, mulching, and mowing.
 - b. Front yards may be grass lawns, landscaped gardens, or a balance of both, similar in depth to neighboring houses.
 - c. Planting beds should be located at the building foundation and/or in isolated locations in the front and side yards that are visible from the public way.
 - d. Street trees, planting beds and shrubs are recommended to incorporate a sense of semi-public space.
 - e. No more than 50 percent of the front yard shall be impervious or paved surfaces.
- G. Variance Requests. Variance requests will be directed to the Board of Adjustment, Section 19.1.

ARTICLE TWELVE SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 12.1 - General

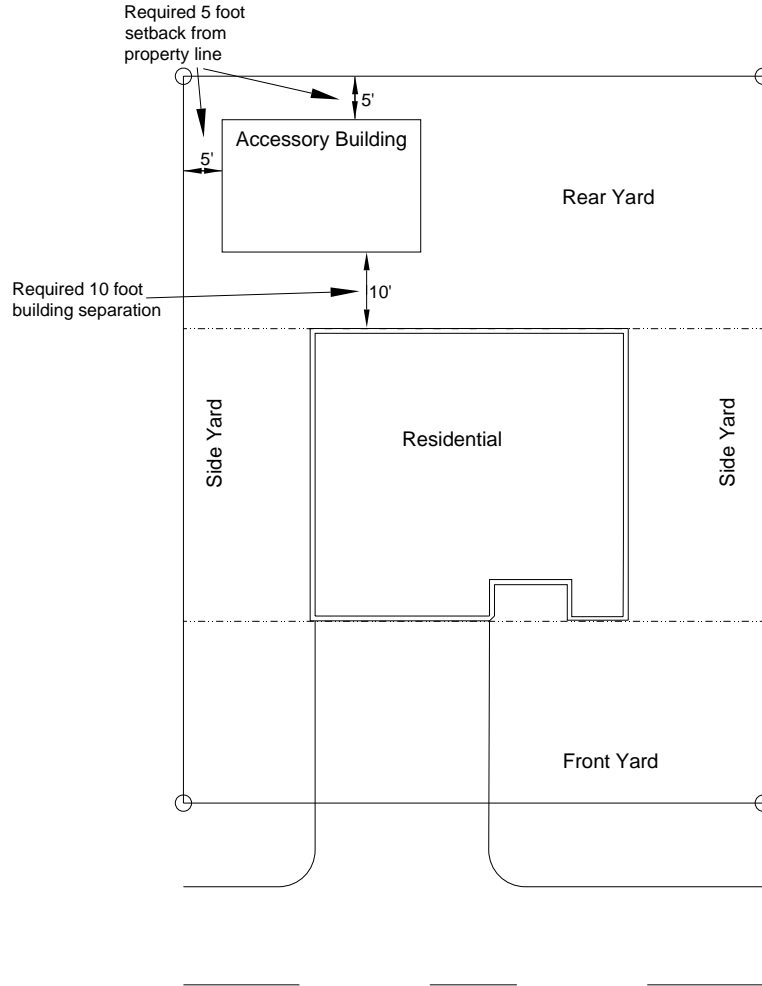
The purpose of this section is to provide special development conditions for particular land uses. These uses by their nature require construction and site improvements peculiar to their operation in order for these uses to be compatible in the neighborhood where they are located. Both permitted and conditional uses shall be subject to the requirements in this Article.

Section 12.2– Accessory Buildings

Accessory buildings may be constructed in rear yards in the districts where allowed. Additional provisions are as follows:

- A. On residential lots of 10,000 square feet or less, the square footage of the accessory structure shall not be more than half that of the residence with a maximum of 850 square feet.
- B. On residential lots of 10,000 square feet or more in area, the square footage of the accessory structure shall not be more than 30 percent of the rear yard with a maximum of 3,500 square feet.
- C. On residential lots, the pitch of accessory roofs shall be a 2:12 or greater pitch.
- D. In C-1 through C-6 accessory buildings or structures shall be used exclusively as product or equipment storage that is related to the principal use and shall be sited in the rear yard. The accessory buildings shall not occupy more than 20 percent of the rear yard.
- E. Unless otherwise permitted by this ordinance, setbacks for accessory buildings are: 5 feet from a property line; and 10 feet from the principal building or other accessory building.
- F. Accessory structures on industrial lots shall be permitted to exceed the height limitation, up to but not exceeding 25 percent of the total permitted height.

Figure 16: Accessory Buildings



Section 12.3 - Daycare Centers and Home Daycares

Child Daycare Centers are authorized under conditional use or special use permits and shall meet, as a minimum the following provisions:

- A. The Planning Commission shall determine the number and spacing of daycare facilities so that no adverse impact is created in a neighborhood.
- B. The facility shall meet all requirements of the State of Arkansas regulatory agency for daycare facilities.
- C. All daycare centers/home daycares are prohibited in R-1 and R-2 zoning classifications.
- D. All daycare centers/home daycares shall apply for a Special Use and a North Little Rock Business License.

- E. All daycare centers/home daycares shall conform to applicable building and fire regulations.
- F. All daycare centers/home daycares shall provide an opaque 6 foot fence around the playground area.
- G. All daycare centers/home daycares shall be reviewed by the Subdivision Committee through the Site Plan Review process.
- H. All daycare center/home daycare playground areas shall be grass or an approved soft surface.
- I. All home daycares shall be the full-time residence of the caregiver and operated in a single family home.
- J. All home daycares shall be operated on a minimum 50 feet wide residential lot.
- K. All home daycares shall provide a minimum of 600 square feet of hard surface parking (asphalt or concrete) with a minimum driveway width at the street of 18 feet.
- L. Keeping more than 4 children (excluding family members) constitutes a home daycare. The number of children cared for in a home daycare, including the caregiver's own children, shall not exceed 10 children.

Section 12.4 – Home Occupation.

- A. Home occupations are only those occupations that meet all of the requirements listed below. Home occupations are approved administratively by city staff.
 - 1. The home occupation is located completely within the principal dwelling unit.
 - 2. The home occupation is solely operated by the owner(s) and occupant(s) of the dwelling. No non-resident persons are employed.
 - 3. The home occupation does not occupy more than 25 percent of the gross habitable ground floor area of the principal dwelling unit.
 - 4. The home occupation does not display merchandise or have outside storage of equipment or materials.
 - 5. The home occupation does not alter the external appearance of the principal dwelling unit.
 - 6. The home occupation does not create noise, vibration, glare, fumes, electromagnetic interference, odors, or air pollution outside the principal dwelling unit.

7. The home occupation does not have a sign that identifies or advertises the business.
8. The home occupation does not involve the storage of hazardous materials, other than substances of a type and quantity customarily associated with a home or hobby.
9. The home occupation will not cause any vehicle to be parked in the vicinity of the principal dwelling unit. (No customer parking.)
10. The home occupation does not involve the external or visible manufacturing of goods on-site.

B. Examples of Home Occupations.

1. Activities conducted principally by telephone, computer, facsimile, or mail.
2. Studios where handicrafts or objects-of-art are produced.
3. Dressmaking or apparel alterations.

C. Prohibited Home Occupations.

1. Bed and breakfast.
2. Eating and drinking establishments.
3. Kennels.
4. Sales or leasing of vehicles.
5. Rest home.
6. Clinic, Doctor or Dentist Office.
7. Tourist Home.
8. Any use that requires a building code upgrade (i.e., from residential standards to commercial standards) to accommodate the home occupation.

D. Hobbies conducted solely within the confines of a structure with no external impacts whatsoever, are not considered home occupations.

E. Garages Sales, Yard Sales, Carport Sales are allowed in residential zones for 1 week every 4 months.

Section 12.5 – Carnival or Traveling Amusement Ride

These activities may operate by obtaining a business license. The issuance of a business license is dependent, as a minimum, upon meeting the following conditions.

- A. A zoning certificate has been submitted and received approval of the Planning Department.
- B. The location shall be in a C-3 district shopping center parking lot where there are 200 or more parking spaces. The carnival or rides shall not occupy more than half the spaces.

C. The applicant has shall provide the following items to receive a business license:

1. Certification of insurance.
2. Certification in inspection by the Department of Labor.
3. Proof that all requirements of the Fire Marshal have been met.
4. A bond to cover costs which may be incurred by the City.

Section 12.6 – Liquor, Retail, Location Restraints

A. The location of retail liquor businesses is separated from churches and schools as stipulated under the following conditions:

1. Permits for New Establishment. The business using the new permit shall be at least 1,200 feet from any church or public or private school.
2. Existing Permits. None shall be transferred to any location 1,200 feet of any church or public or private school.
3. Permitted Zones.

B. The distances in feet, stipulated, shall be measured from one property line to another property line.

Section 12.7 – Parking or Storing of Trucks and Trailers

A. Restricted areas. No vehicle that requires a “B” or above license or any trailer shall be parked on the street, or in front of the front building line of any area that is zoned as a residential district, any residential PUD, the Main Street Overlay District, the Argenta Quiet Commercial Overlay District, or in any commercial zone that is being used as a residence.

B. Exceptions. Section 12.7.A shall not apply to the following:

1. Any legitimate delivery vehicle parking within the above named restricted districts for the purpose of making deliveries or pick-ups from the areas.
2. Section 12.8.
3. Emergency vehicles, including ambulances and wreckers.

Section 12.8– Parking of Unoccupied motor houses and Recreational Vehicles (RV)

Storage Parking Permitted. The owners of motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers and other kinds of recreational vehicles may store the vehicles on their lot of residency.

Provided, however, if the lot of residency is subject to bills of assurance with restrictions that prohibit the parking of such recreational vehicles, then the more restrictive shall apply. Lots that do permit parking and storage of recreational vehicles are subject to the restrictions that follow:

A. The RV shall not be attached (hooked-up) to any utilities and shall not be occupied as living quarters;

- B. No part of the stored RV shall extend past the property line onto any public right-of-way or easement.
- C. An exception to 12.8.B is created to allow RV to be parked in such a manner as to extend past residential property lines onto public rights-of-way or easements for 48 hours prior to and 48 hours following a trip in the RV, to allow for trip preparation and then unpacking after the trip. This exception only applies to a R.V. that is stored at off-site locations.

Section 12.9 – Service Stations

- A. Permitted structures. Each service station lot shall have at least one front line and shall be occupied only by structures and accessory buildings as are clearly incidental and normal to the operation of service stations.
- B. Dimensional requirements.
 - 1. Lot Area. The lot area shall not be less than 14,000 square feet of which 60 per cent shall remain as unobstructed open space; provided, however, that this open space may be used for parking and landscaped areas.
 - 2. Minimum Front Yard. The main structure shall be set back 40 feet from each front property line. The pump islands shall be set back no less than 15 feet from each front property line; provided, however, if a canopy is used the forward most part may not extend any closer than 12 feet from each front property line.
 - 3. Side Yards. No side yard is required for the primary structure. Pump islands, including canopies, shall not be less than 15 feet from any side lot line.
 - 4. Minimum Rear Yard. There shall be a rear yard having a depth of not less than 20 feet; provided that, where the rear lot line abuts an alley, then the minimum rear yard requirement shall be a depth of not less than 15 feet.
 - 5. Maximum Height. No building hereafter erected or structurally altered shall exceed 28 feet in height; provided, however, that cooling towers and other structural units necessary for the functioning of the use shall be permitted to exceed this height, provided that no building shall exceed this height, provided that no building shall exceed a height of 35 feet.
 - 6. Location of Accessory Buildings. No accessory building except pump islands and/or canopies shall be located in any required front yard, or within 15 feet of any lot line.
 - 7. Fences. See Section 12.15.
 - 8. Screens. All service stations shall provide a screen between abutting residential zones and C-1 business areas, so as to protect these areas by day and by night

from unreasonable disturbance by movement of people or vehicles, and from lights, noises or exposure to views not compatible with these areas. Such screens shall be pleasing in design and of a substantial material, easily maintained.

- C. Off-street Parking. An area equal to the gross floor area but in no case less than five parking spaces shall be provided.
- D. Corner Visibility. See Section 12.16.
- E. Used Car Sales. No used car or other related type sales shall be permitted.
- F. Enclosure Requirement. All major repair work shall be in enclosed areas.
- G. Curb Cuts and Safety Islands. Curb cuts and safety islands shall be in accordance with the regulations of the City Engineer.
- H. Signs. All signs shall meet the requirements of the sign ordinance.

Section 12.10– Recreation Vehicle (RV) Park

RV Parks offer defined space with utility hook-ups for rental fees on a short-term basis. The market for rental space in an RV Park is predominately the traveling public. Parks such as these are generally located on sites accessible to major thoroughfares. A Development Plan Review is required to obtain a permit to build.

- A. Site Requirements.
 - 1. An RV Park may locate no closer to a residential district than 200 feet.
 - 2. The site shall be at least 2 acres, suitably drained and free of standing water. The drainage plan for the site shall have the approval of the City Engineer.
 - 3. The ground surface surrounding structures, RV parking spaces, streets, and general parking spaces in the RV Park shall be protected by grass or other suitable material that is capable of preventing soil erosion and dust.
 - 4. Park density shall be no more than 15 campsites per gross acre.
 - 5. Recreational vehicles shall be separated from each other and from other structures by at least 10 feet. Any attached awnings, carports, expandable sections, or individual storage facilities shall, for purposes of this separation requirement, be considered to be part of the recreational vehicle. Each site shall contain a stabilized, level vehicular parking pad of gravel, paving, or other suitable material. No part of a recreational vehicle or other unit placed on a recreational vehicle site shall be closer than 5 feet to a site line.
 - 6. RV Park streets shall be 10 feet minimum lanes paved in a dust free material. When feasible, a continuous one way street with separate entry and exit is

preferred. A two way street is a minimum of 20 feet of paving width. Curves and turning radii shall be constructed for vehicles 8.5 feet wide and up to 40 feet long.

7. Automobile and Light Truck Parking. 3 off-street spaces for each 2 RV pads.

B. Entrances and Exits.

1. All RV parks shall be provided with safe and convenient vehicular access from an improved public street. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to provide the necessary access in all cases where there is no existing improved street or road connecting the RV park site with an improved existing public street or highway.
2. Street improvements required beyond the RV Park shall be improved in accordance with the standards of the Control of Development and Subdivision of Land Ordinance.
3. All entrances and exits on public streets shall be approved by the City and State Highways then also by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.
4. All R.V. Parks with more than 25 sites shall have 2 or more entrances/exits. All R.V. Parks with more than 100 sites shall have 3 or more entrance/exits.

C. Accessory Uses.

Management headquarters, recreational facilities, toilets, dumping stations, showers, coin-operated laundry facilities, and other uses and structures customarily incidental to operation of a RV Park and campground are permitted as accessory uses to the park. In addition, stores, and other conveniences establishments shall be permitted as accessory uses, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Such establishments and the parking area primarily related to their operations shall not occupy more than 5 percent of the gross area of the park.
2. Such establishments shall be restricted in their use to occupants of the park.
3. Such establishments shall present no visible evidence from any street outside the park or their commercial character which would attract customers other than occupants of the park.
4. The structures housing such facilities shall not be located closer than 100 feet to any public street and shall not be directly accessible from any public street, but shall be accessible only from a street within the park.

- D. Minimum Setback on the RV Park Property. All buildings or structures, RV pads, and automobile/small truck parking spaces shall be setback from the perimeter property line of the RV Park as follows:

1. Front Setback Minimum. 25 feet except when the RV Park fronts on a State Highway; then 50 feet.
2. Minimum Side Setback. When abutting a dedicated public right-of-way, the side setback shall be 25 feet on the side street; when abutting any other zoning district, the side setback shall be 15 feet along the interior lot line.
3. Minimum Rear Setback. 15 feet except when the rear yard abuts a dedicated public right-of-way. If the rear yard abuts a dedicated public right-of-way, the minimum shall be 25 feet.
4. Screening. Article 15 shall be adhered to when the location of the RV Park abuts a dissimilar land use. In addition, where needed to enhance aesthetics or to ensure public safety, the RV Park shall be enclosed by a fence, wall, landscape screening, or other designs approved by the Planning Director which will complement the landscape and assure compatibility with the adjacent environment.
5. Electrical, Water Supply, and Sewage Disposal. All construction and utility systems shall comply with all applicable city and state codes and standards, and be inspected by the appropriate inspectors.
6. Length of Stay.
 - a. Spaces shall be rented by the day, week, or month: and occupants of such space shall remain in the same RV Park not more than 3 months in any 1 year period.
 - b. No recreational vehicle shall be used as a permanent place of abode, dwelling or business or for indefinite periods of time. Continuous occupancy extending beyond 3 months in any 12 month period shall be presumed to be permanent occupancy requiring other arrangements.
 - c. Any action toward removal of wheels of a RV except for temporary purposes of repair is hereby prohibited.
7. Revocation of Permit to Operate. A finding that the operator (management) of an R.V. Park has permitted conditions in violation of above requirements shall be cause for the revocation of the permit to operate. An appeal of the finding may be brought before the Planning Commission for a hearing of revocation.

Section 12.11– Sexually Oriented Businesses.

- A. Purpose. It is the purpose of this section to regulate sexually oriented businesses to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the concentration of sexually oriented businesses within the City. The provisions of this section have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is not

the intent nor effect of this section to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials protected by the First Amendment, or to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market, unless otherwise restricted by law.

B. Definitions – See Article 2 Definitions.

C. Classification. Sexually oriented businesses are classified as follows:

1. adult arcade.
2. adult bookstores or adult video stores.
3. adult cabarets.
4. adult motion picture theaters.
5. adult theaters.

D. Location of Sexually Oriented Businesses.

1. A person commits an offense if he/she operates or allows to be operated a sexually oriented business in any zone not classified as I-2 or I-3, or regardless of classification within 1,000 feet of:
 - a. A church or other religious facility.
 - b. A public or private elementary, secondary or post-secondary school.
 - c. A boundary of a residential zone or use.
 - d. A public park.
 - e. A hospital or other medical facility.
 - f. Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places or local Historic Districts as identified in the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.
 - g. A day care center.
2. A person commits an offense if he/she causes or permits the operation, establishment, or maintenance of a sexually oriented business within 1,000 feet of another sexually oriented business.
3. For the purposes of this section, measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structures uses as part of the premises where a sexually oriented business is conducted, to the nearest property line of the premises of a church or public or private elementary or secondary school, or to the nearest boundary of an affected public park, residential district, residential lot, hospital, or other medical facility, or properties listed on the National Historic Register or local Historic Districts as identified by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.
4. For the purposes of this section, the distance between any two sexually oriented businesses shall be measured in a straight line without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the closest exterior wall of the structure in which each business is located.

E. Non-Conforming Sexually Oriented Businesses.

1. Any sexually oriented business lawfully operating on May 28, 2002, which is in violation of part D of this Section 12.11 of this ordinance shall be deemed a NON-CONFORMING USE. The non-conforming use will be permitted to continue for a period not to exceed 2 years from the date of the passage of this ordinance, unless sooner terminated for any reason or discontinued for a period of 90 days or more.

Such non-conforming uses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended or altered except that the use may be changed to a conforming use. If two or more sexually oriented businesses are within 1,000 feet of one another and otherwise in a permissible location, the sexually oriented business which was first established and continually operating at a particular location is the conforming uses and the later-established business(s) is non-conforming.

2. A sexually oriented business lawfully operating as a conforming uses is not rendered a non-conforming use by the subsequent location of a church, public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, residential district or residential lot within 1,000 feet of the sexually oriented business. This provision applies only to an ongoing sexually oriented business, not to a sexually oriented business that has been terminated for any reason or discontinued for a period of 90 days or more subsequent to the location of the church, public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, residential district, or residential lot.

F. Enforcement.

1. Any person violating any part of this section, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
2. If the violation is, in its nature, continuous in respect to time, the penalty for allowing the continuance thereof is a fine not to exceed \$250.00 for each day that the same is unlawfully continued.

Section 12.12 – Roadside Vending

Roadside vending takes place in locations that may be temporary and changeable, may utilize structures or vehicles that are either permanent or mobile, and are subject to seasonal activity. The regulation of activity under this section is by both privilege license and zoning provisions. The following regulations shall apply:

- A. Roadside Food Stands. All roadside food vending stands shall be permanent structures and comply with the following:
 1. Connect to sewer, water and electrical utilities.
 2. Be licensed by the State Health Department.

3. Maintain a permanent structure appearance with underpinning even when the unit is portable.
 4. Meet parking requirements of the zone.
 5. Meet the setback requirements of the zone.
 6. Must be approved by the Planning Commission as a conditional use in a C-3, C-4, C-5, I-1 and I-2 zoning districts.
 7. Freestanding produce price signs and directional signs shall not be utilized.
- B. Roadside Produce Stands. Roadside produce stands are generally mobile and may use a temporary display table, the back of a pick-up truck, a car truck or similar such arrangements. Produce stands are subject to the following provisions:
1. The vendor shall obtain a privilege license and the license shall be available for inspection.
 2. Roadside produce stands may be located in C-3, C-4, C-5, I-1 and I-2 districts if:
(a) no traffic hazard is created and; (b) the vendor has written permission of the property owner.
 3. In C-3 and I-1 districts, all produce shall be kept inside or on a vehicle.
 4. In C-4, C-5 and I-2 districts, all produce may be displayed on tables.
 5. Each stand shall be at least 20 feet from traffic lanes.
 6. Vendor stands should be 70 feet apart and occupy no more than 2,000 square feet of an area of approx. 70 by 30 feet when in parking lots.
 7. Freestanding produce price signs and directional sign shall not be utilized.
- C. Snow Cone Vendors.
1. Connect to sewer, water and electrical utilities.
 2. Be licensed by the State Health Department.
 3. Maintain a permanent structure appearance with underpinning even when the unit is portable.
 4. Meet parking requirements of the zone.
 5. Meet the setback requirements of the zone.

6. Must be approved by the Planning Commission as a conditional use in a C-3, C-4, C-5.
7. Freestanding produce price signs and directional signs shall not be utilized.

Section 12.13– Automatic Teller Machines

The installation of automatic teller machines (ATM) as free standing structures, not located in a bank building, shall be classified as special uses. The provisions of Article 17 Special Use shall apply.

Section 12.14 – Cell Towers

- A. Communication devices that can be attached to existing towers, poles, buildings, or other structures, allowing such attachments to extend 15 feet above existing structures without a height variance, will be permitted by staff without the requirement of a formal use procedure.
- B. Co-locate communication devices of competing providers on individual structures.
- C. Require any company installing a new tower to make appropriate provisions to allow for the future addition of at least one other provider on a private rental basis.
- D. Require the company installing a new tower to agree to refrain from generating unreasonable obstacles to such co-location arrangements.
- E. Communication devices that result in the addition of separate structures, such as a tall pole or tower detached from existing structures, will be treated as broadcast stations, which are permitted in all industrial, flood prone/conservation, and C-5 zones. Requests for new broadcast stations outside of these designated zones are to follow the established procedure for obtaining a use variance through rezoning or the Special Use procedure, with the understanding that conditions for approval are allowed with Special Use request and these conditions normally are in regard to specific physical characteristics and screening.
- F. Any tower permitted in a zone, but requiring a variance of the height limitation, or any new tower over 75 feet in height, will be directed to the Board of Adjustment.
- G. New Poles will be treated as structures, requiring Planned Building Group approval in C-5 zones if a tower is added to property currently having an existing use.
- H. Parking lots supporting a nearby use are to be considered as being the primary use of property and Planned Building Group procedures shall apply when placing towers in the existing parking lot.
- I. All of the provisions of the Control of Development/Subdivision Regulations to placement of a new tower are applicable and a telecommunication tower is to be considered a primary structure.

J. Dimensional and Development requirements:

1. Lot area of not less than 5,625 square feet, such as 75 feet by 75 feet.
2. Placement of the tower in the center of the lot.
3. Maintaining building setback lines of 15 feet from any property boundary.
4. Require a six foot fence around the perimeter.
5. Require a planted buffer along all property boundaries with a minimum depth of 10 feet with planting materials to reach a height of 20 feet at maturity.

K. Provide reasonable separation of individual towers by not placing towers within the field of view of another tower or by maintaining a physical separation of 2,000 feet between towers.

L. Permit Fees.

1. Building permit fee of \$25 per foot for all new towers.
2. The addition of antennas or telecommunication devices on existing towers, the co-location of new providers on existing towers, or the replacement of existing towers, shall result in an assessment of a permit fee based on the commercial remodeling materials cost rate of \$11.25 per the first \$1,000 and \$6.00 per each additional \$1,000.

Section 12.15 – Fences

A. Materials. All fences shall be constructed of exterior grade materials, such as treated pine, cypress, cedar, redwood, or other exterior materials.

B. Front Yards of Residential Zones.

1. Front yard fences shall not exceed 3.5 feet in height.
2. Front yard fences shall be constructed of architectural materials. Architectural materials do not include chain link fences or any fence that is opaque.
3. Front yard fences shall not encroach into a sight triangle.
4. Front yard fences shall be located no closer than 10 feet from the back of the curb or at the front property line whichever is farther from the street.
5. Under no circumstance shall any fence be allowed within 3 feet of a fire plug.

C. Side Yards of Residential Zones.

1. Fences within 3 feet from any residence shall not be allowed.
2. Fences constructed between 3 feet and 6 feet from any residence shall be limited to a maximum height of 4 feet with an additional 2 feet of height allowed, provided the upper 2 feet of the fence area has an open area of at least 40 percent.
3. Fences constructed 6 feet or greater from any residence shall not exceed 6 feet in height.
4. Under no circumstance shall any fence be allowed within 3 feet of a fire plug.

D. Rear Yards of Residential Zones.

1. Fences up to 8 feet in height may be erected around the rear yard, except on corner lots.

E. Corner Lots of Residential Zones.

1. Fences in the side and rear yards of corner lots may not be any closer to a street than the established front building line of any abutting property.
2. Fences that face a street in the side and rear yards of corner lots shall be limited to a maximum height of 6 feet.
3. Fences that face a street in the side and rear yards of corner lots shall be constructed with the finished side facing the street.
4. Under no circumstance shall any fence be allowed within 3 feet of a fire plug.

F. Commercial Zones.

1. The total height of side yard fences shall not exceed 6 feet.
2. The total height of rear yard fences shall not exceed 8 feet.
3. Front yard fences are not permitted.
4. Under no circumstance shall any fence be allowed within 3 feet of a fire plug.

G. Industrial Zones.

1. The total height of side yard fences shall not exceed 6 feet.
2. The total height of rear yard fences shall not exceed 8 feet.
3. Front yard fences are not permitted.

4. Under no circumstance shall any fence be allowed within 3 feet of a fire plug.

H. Barbed Wire Fences.

1. Barbed wire may be permitted in the rear and side yards of industrial and C-4 and C-5 zones.
2. Side yard barbed wire shall be vertical or inclined inward to the property. The total height, including the barb wire shall not exceed 6 feet.
3. Rear yard barbed wire shall be vertical or inclined inward or outward to the property. The barbed wire may be mounted on A or Y arms. The total height, including the barb wire shall not exceed 8 feet.

I. Concertina or Razor Wire Fences.

1. Concertina wire or razor wire may be permitted in the rear yards of industrial zones.
2. Concertina wire or razor wire may be permitted on top of fences 7 feet in height. The total height, including the wire, can not exceed 8 feet.

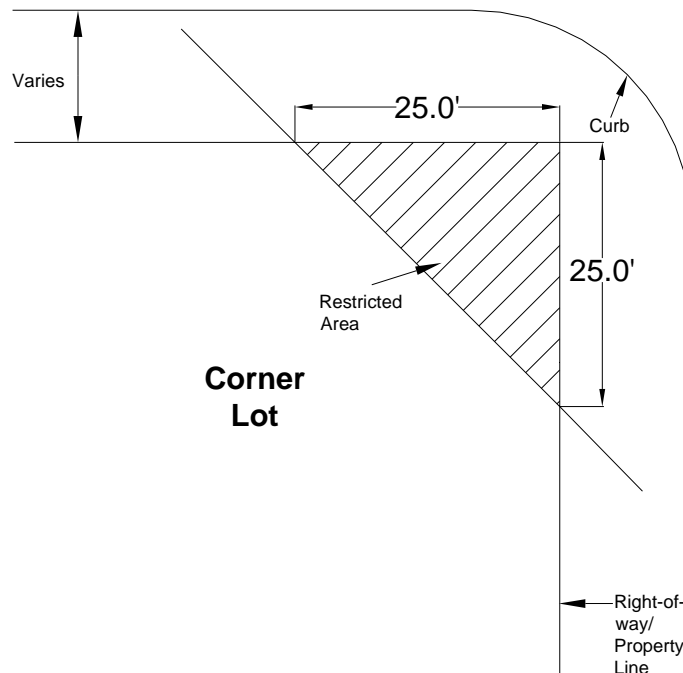
1. Fences in the rear yards are permitted up to 8 feet in height.
2. Fences in the side yards are permitted up to 6 feet in height.
3. Fences in the front yards are permitted up to 3.5 feet in height.
4. Fence heights are permitted as shown on corner lots. Any corner lot fence that faces a street must have the finished side face the street.
5. Fences in this area that are in front of the abutting property's front building line, must have approval from the Board of Adjustment.
6. Unobstructed vision at street intersections - See Section 12.16



Section 12.16 – Unobstructed Vision at Street Intersections

Public safety requires clear views near street intersections. To this end, there shall be no obstructions between 2 and 9 feet off the ground within the corner clearance triangle, an area 25 feet from the point of intersection of continuation of the curb lines and the connecting line across private property; exceptions include street name signs, fire hydrants and other necessary appurtenances.

Figure 18: Sight Triangle



Section 12.17 – Housing Moving

- A. Require any person desiring to move any building, machinery or other heavy object over the streets of the City of North Little Rock which, under the laws of the State of Arkansas requires a state permit, shall also secure a permit from the City, unless specifically exempted from local permits by state law.
- B. Application for a permit required by this section shall be secured from the Planning Department at least 48 hours in advance of the time in which the building, machinery, or other heavy object is to be moved. The person securing the permit shall designate in the application the time and route over which such materials or objects will be moved.
- C. Require any person desiring to move any building, machinery or other heavy object over the streets of the City, prior to the issuance of a permit, to post with the City an indemnity bond in the amount of \$2,500 and shall assume responsibility for any and all damages that may occur during the moving of any building, machinery, or other heavy object.

- D. Prior to the issuance of the permit required by this section, an applicant shall obtain the approval of the North Little Rock Planning Commission. Prior to consideration by the Planning Commission, the applicant shall file an application including the following items:
1. Inspection Report. An inspection report by a certified and registered Home Inspector stating that the house is capable of being moved safely. The report shall include exterior photos of the house in its present location that accurately indicates the current state of repair of the structure.
 2. Development Plan. A development plan for the anticipated location of the house must be included in the application. The plan will include a site plan of the proposed location, an estimate of the cost of remodeling, a statement of what type of remodeling is proposed, and the estimated date of completion of such remodeling and a bond to ensure timely compliance with local building codes.
 3. Bond. The amount of the bond shall be based upon the size of the house to be moved. If the house is equal to or less than 1,250 square feet of living space, the required bond shall be in the amount of \$5,000. This bond may be waived by the Planning Commission if the applicant demonstrates the following:
 - a. The applicant is low income as defined by Part 5 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
 - b. A non-profit organization will satisfactorily guarantee completion of the Development Plan within six months.
 4. Time. The applicant will have 90 days to complete the foundation and exterior of the site. The date of completion for the Development Plan shall be within six months of the issuance of the permit, unless the Planning Commission expressly grants an extension of time. Should the Development Plan not be completed in time, or should the work performed fail to substantially conform to applicable building codes, the city may liquidate the bond and use the proceeds thereof to raze the house.
 5. Violations. Violations of this section shall be considered to be continuous in nature and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50.00 per day such violation continues.

Section 12.18 – Decks

- A. Rear and side yard decks over 3 feet in height and attached to the primary structure shall be considered part of the primary structure and be constrained by established building line setbacks and lot coverage requirements.
- B. Rear and side yard decks under 3 feet in height and attached to the primary structure shall not be constrained by established building line setbacks and lot coverage requirements.

- C. Decks over 3 feet in height and not attached to the primary structure shall be treated as an accessory structure and meet all the requirements of Section 12.2.

Section 12.19 – Residential retaining walls

- A. The height of a retaining wall is measured from the top of the retaining wall to the existing grade or finished grade, whichever is lower, directly below the retaining wall.
- B. The allowable height of a retaining wall is 3.5 feet or less in front and side yards, 5 feet or less in rear yards.
- C. Rear yard retaining walls greater than 3.5 feet in height require a three foot fence and the combination of retaining wall and fence shall not exceed eight feet in height.

Section 12.20 - Single-family and Duplex Appearance Standards

- A. Building requirements:
 - 1. Residences shall be oriented in such a way that the front entrance is readily apparent from the street.
 - 2. Residences shall maintain a minimal dimension such that no facade is less than 20' in width.
 - 3. Roofs of residences shall have a minimum 4:12 pitch.
 - 4. Roofs of residences shall have a minimum 12 inch eave, excluding gutters. The eave is measured from the structure wall to the outside drip edge. This restriction does not apply to manufactured homes in legally permitted zones.
 - 5. The siding of residences shall be of customary design and materials, including exterior grade plywood panel, hardboard, lumber, cedar shingles, other wood, vinyl, aluminum, steel, or masonry siding materials to be consistent with the character of existing neighborhoods. Vertical ribbed or corrugated steel siding shall not be allowed.
 - 6. The foundation of residences shall be solid and continuous around the perimeter of the primary structure.
 - 7. All facades shall include windows, doors or other openings.
- B. Site requirements:
 - 1. No more than 50% of the front yard shall be impervious or paved surfaces.

2. Front yard driveway surfaces shall be of concrete, asphalt, or other solid masonry materials. Gravel is not permitted as a front yard driveway surface.

Section 12.21 - Sidewalks

- A. Sidewalks shall be a minimum of 5 feet wide and shall be installed within the dedicated right-of-way adjacent to the property line, except where there are topographical constraints in which case the sidewalk may be placed at the street curb.
- B. Sidewalks shall be required as follows:
 1. On both sides of collector streets.
 2. On both sides of Class VI local streets in new residential areas.
 3. Internalized pedestrian circulation systems in the form of paved pathways may be substituted for sidewalks along collector and Class VI local streets upon request of the applicant, the recommendations of the Planning Director and the approval of the Planning Commission. Said pathways shall be dimensioned at no lesser standard than ordinary street-side sidewalks.
 4. On Class VI local streets the developer shall have the option of locating sidewalks adjacent to the curb.
 5. The Planning Commission may, at its option, require greater than five foot sidewalks in conjunction with commercial subdivision approvals or in other places of public assembly, or anticipated heavy pedestrian traffic volumes.
 6. Sidewalks shall be required on both sides of local streets conforming to the minor residential street length and configuration standards.
 7. Sidewalks are not required to be constructed at the same grade of the curb of the street.
 8. Sidewalks are not required to be constructed in the straight line if such straight line construction would damage trees.
 9. Sidewalks shall be constructed to permit wheelchair access at street intersections.
 10. Sidewalks shall be required with all replats where the development has 200 feet or more of linear street frontage, inclusive of corner lots.
 11. Sidewalks shall be required with estate residential development when the average lot width is 150 feet or less.

Section 12.22 - Mobile Storage Containers

A. Residential areas

1. There shall be no more than one mobile storage container per site.
2. No mobile storage container shall remain on a lot in excess of 30 consecutive days, and mobile storage containers shall not be placed at any one lot in excess of 30 days in any calendar year.
3. If possible, mobile storage containers should be placed in the rear yard.
4. A no-fee permit shall be required for the placement of a mobile storage container on a lot. A site plan shall be required to obtain a permit.
5. The following setback requirements shall be maintained to obtain a permit.
 - a. Mobile storage containers shall be setback from any primary structure and/or accessory structure a minimum of ten feet.
 - b. Mobile storage containers shall be setback from any property line a minimum of five feet.
 - c. Mobile storage containers are not permitted in a sight triangle.
 - d. Mobile storage containers are not permitted in the right-of-way or block a sidewalk.
6. All requests for a variance will be to the Board of Adjustment.

B. Commercial areas

1. There shall be no more than one mobile storage container per site.
2. No mobile storage container shall remain on a lot in excess of 60 consecutive days, and storage containers shall not be placed at any one lot in excess of 60 days in any calendar year.
3. Mobile storage containers shall not be the primary structure on a lot.
4. A no fee permit shall be required for the placement of a mobile storage container on a lot. A site plan shall be required to obtain a permit.
5. Mobile storage containers shall not be located in any required parking spots.
6. Mobile storage containers are not permitted in front or side yards.
7. The following setback requirements shall be maintained to obtain a permit.
 - a. Mobile storage containers shall be setback from any primary structure and/or accessory structure a minimum of ten feet.

- b. Mobile storage containers shall be setback from any property line a minimum of five feet.
 - c. Mobile storage containers are not permitted in a sight triangle.
 - d. Mobile storage containers are not permitted in the right-of-way or block a sidewalk.
- 8. All requests for a variance will be to the Board of Adjustment, except those mentioned in Section 12.22.C.
- C. Mobile storage containers in commercial areas used for more than 60 days or as permanent structures must go through the Special Use process.
- D. Industrial areas
 - 1. Any business that: rents, distributes or stores mobile storage containers, shall be exempt from Section 12.22.
 - 2. Any business that is currently utilizing multiple mobile storage containers on or before October 1, 2007, shall be exempt from Section 12.22.
 - 3. One mobile storage container may be located on the property at any time. A no fee permit shall be required for the placement of a mobile storage container. A site plan shall be required to obtain a permit.
 - 4. Mobile storage containers shall not be located in any required parking spots.
 - 5. Mobile storage containers shall be set back from any primary structure a minimum of 10 feet.
 - 6. Mobile storage containers are not permitted in front yards.
 - 7. All requests for a variance will be to the Board of Adjustment.
- E. Construction areas. Mobile storage containers (or trailers) will be allowed on construction sites with the issuance of a building permit. Such containers or trailers shall be removed from the property upon expiration of the building permit or 30 days after issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, whichever date is sooner.

Section 12.23 – Outdoor Display in C-6 zones

- A. Businesses in C-6 zones are permitted to display merchandise outdoors during normal hours of operation.
- B. Said display items may encroach onto adjoining sidewalks a distance of four feet so long as a five foot passageway is maintained on the public right-of-way.

- C. Appliances, mattresses, automobiles, vehicle trailers are not permitted to be displayed outdoors. Automobiles may only be displayed outdoors at an existing car lot.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Section 13.1 – Residential Parking

- A. Single Family Dwelling less than 900 square feet – 1 space.
- B. Single Family Dwelling more than 900 square feet – 2 spaces.
- C. Two-Family Dwelling – 1.5 spaces per unit.
- D. Rooming houses, dormitories, fraternities –1 space per sleeping accommodation.
- E. Hotels and motels less than 20 guest rooms – 1 space per guest room.
- F. Hotels with more than 20 guest rooms – 1.2 spaces per guest room.
- G. Multi-Family – 1.5 spaces per unit.
- H. Manufactured home – 2 spaces per manufactured home space.
- I. Elderly housing – 0.5 spaces per unit.

Section 13.2 – School and Institutional Parking

- A. Nursery, kindergarten – 1 space per employee, plus on-site loading and unloading spaces to be required at a rate of 1 space for each 10 children accommodated.
- B. Elementary – 1 space per employee. Stacking space for drop-off and pickup shall be required on the site.
- C. Primary – 6 spaces per classroom. Stacking space for buses and autos shall be required on site.
- D. College or university – 1 space per 3 students.
- E. Dance schools – 5 spaces, plus 1 space for each 150 square feet of dance floor area over 500 square feet.
- F. Beauty / barber schools – 3 spaces, plus 1 space for each operator station.
- G. Libraries – 10 spaces, plus 1 space for each 200 square feet of floor area over 1,000 square feet.
- H. Churches – for the seating capacity in the principal room or hall, 1 space for each 5 seats.
- I. Hospitals, general – 1 space per 1.5 beds.

- J. Hospitals, convalescent (or nursing home) – 1 space per 5 beds.
- K. Lodges, halls, clubs (public assembly) – 1 space per 100 square feet of gross floor area, if without fixed seats. If with fixed seats, 1 space for each 5 seats.

Section 13.3 – Entertainment and Recreation

- A. Theaters, auditoriums, sports arenas, stadiums – for all fixed seating capacity, 1 space for each 4 seats; theaters in shopping centers, 1 space per 8.5 seats.
- B. Bowling alleys – 3 spaces for each alley except when in a shopping center, then it shall be 2 per alley.
- C. Golf courses – 4 spaces per hole, plus additional required spaces for restaurants and cocktail lounges.
- D. Swimming pools – 20 spaces, plus 1 space for each 200 square feet of deck floor area in excess of 1,000 square feet except where membership is restricted to the immediate neighborhood, a minimum of 10 spaces shall be provided.
- E. Skating rinks – 1 space for each 200 square feet of floor area.
- F. Tennis courts – 2 spaces per court, plus 1 space for each 200 square feet of clubhouse floor area in excess of 1,000 square feet.

Section 13.4 – Office

- A. Professional and other office 0 – 20,000 square feet – 1 space for each 300 square feet floor area.
- B. Professional and other office greater than 20,000 square feet – 1 space for each 500 square feet floor area.
- C. Banks, finance institutions – 1 space for each 300 square feet of floor area.
- D. Medical, dental offices and clinics – 1 space for each 200 square feet floor area.
- E. Veterinarians and veterinary hospitals – 1 space for each 250 square feet of floor area exclusive of boarding areas.

Section 13.5 – Retail

- A. Retail stores 0 to 3,000 square feet floor area - 5 spaces.
- B. Retail stores 3,000 to 5,000 square feet floor area - 5 spaces, plus 1 space for each 500 square feet floor area in excess of 3,000 square feet.

- C. Retail stores in excess of 5,000 square feet floor area - 10 spaces, plus 1 space for each 250 square feet floor area in excess of 5,000 square feet.
- D. Building materials sales where lumber is sold – 10 spaces, plus 1 space for each 120 square feet interior sales area, and 1 space per 750 square feet of warehouse area open to the public.
- E. Shopping centers – 1 space for each 250 square feet of gross lease area exclusive of bowling alleys, movie theaters, and skating rinks.
- F. Service stations – 5 spaces, plus 1 for every bay.
- G. Health spas and gyms – 10 spaces, plus 1 space for each 200 square feet of floor area in excess of 1,000 square feet.
- H. Restaurants (drive in) – 5 spaces, plus 1 per bay.
- I. Restaurants (inside seating) – 1 space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area.
- J. Commercial nurseries – 10 spaces, plus 1 space for each 150 square feet of inside sales area over 1,000 square feet and 1 space per 2,000 square feet of outside area open to the public.
- K. Self-service laundry – 1 space for each 3 machines.
- L. Dry cleaning, pickup – 3 spaces, plus 1 space for each 500 square feet of floor area over 1,000 square feet.
- M. Barber, Beauty Shops – 1 space for each 200 square feet of gross building area.
- N. Groceries and supermarkets – 1 space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area, exclusive of storage area.
- O. Convenience stores – 4 spaces, plus 1 space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area, exclusive of storage area.
- P. Car Washes – 1 space in addition to each bay.

Section 13.6 – Drive thru Facilities

Drive thru facilities – shall provide not less than 3 holding or stacking spaces for each service window.

Section 13.7 – Manufacturing

- A. Manufacturing – 1 space for each 200 square feet of office area and 1 space per 2,000 square feet of gross floor area up to 50,000 square feet. Then in addition, 1 space per 10,000 square feet of floor area above 50,000 square feet.
- B. Laboratories – 4 spaces, plus 1 space for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 1,000 square feet.

Section 13.8 – Warehousing

Warehousing – 1 space for each 250 square feet of office area and 1 space per 2,000 square feet of gross floor area up to 50,000 square feet. Then in addition, 1 space per 10,000 square feet of floor area above 50,000 square feet.

Section 13.9 – City Designated Historic District Parking

No motor vehicle shall be parked upon premises within any area of the City that is zoned or used for residential purposes and has been designated by city ordinance as a historic district unless within a garage or carport, or upon a paved or unpaved driveway leading directly from the roadway to residential property.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN SIGNS

Section 14.1 - Purpose and Intent

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to:
1. Control and coordinate the type, placement and physical dimensions of signs within the various zoning classifications.
 2. Recognize the commercial communication requirements to all sectors of the business community.
 3. Encourage the innovative use of design.
 4. Promote both renovation and proper maintenance.
 5. Allow for special circumstances; and to guarantee equal treatment under the law through accurate record keeping and consistent enforcement.
 6. Promote public safety by assuring safe operation of motor vehicles on public rights-of-way within the planning jurisdiction of the city.
 7. Preserve, protect and enhance the value of property within the planning jurisdiction of the city by maintaining and improving the aesthetics of the community.
- B. These purposes shall be accomplished by regulation of the placement, erection, use, and maintenance of signs. The use of signs is regulated according to the zoning classification in which it is located. The placement and physical dimensions of signs are regulated primarily by type and length of street frontage. No sign shall be permitted as a main or accessory use except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- C. The primary intent of this chapter is to regulate signs of a commercial nature intended to be viewed from any vehicular public right-of-way.
- D. Additional regulations on signs may be imposed by ordinances, supplemental to the Code, for specified areas, such as historic districts.

Section 14.2 – Definitions See Article Two.

Section 14.3 - Penalty

It is the desire of the City Council that the provisions of this Sign Code be enforced in a fair and consistent manner. While the particular facts and circumstances of a situation may dictate more drastic enforcement measures, it is the desire of the City Council that this Sign Code be enforced progressively, beginning with administrative action, followed by civil

action, and if necessary, criminal action. It is envisioned by the City Council that significant education of the community will occur after passage of this chapter, and that the more severe enforcement actions will be initiated after refusal to comply with less severe measures. However, this Code may be enforced administratively, and by all civil and criminal remedies allowed under this Code and State Law.

Section 14.4 -Conflicts

If any portion of this chapter is found to be in conflict with any other provision of any section of this Code or other applicable codes or statutes, the provision which establishes the higher standard shall prevail.

Section 14.5 - Exemptions

- A. This chapter does not relate to building design.
- B. This chapter does not regulate:
 - 1. Official traffic or government signs.
 - 2. The copy and message of signs.
 - 3. Product dispensers.
 - 4. Scoreboards on athletic fields.
 - 5. Flags of any nation, government, or non-commercial organization.
 - 6. Gravestones.
 - 7. Religious symbols.
 - 8. Commemorative plaques.
 - 9. The display of street numbers.
 - 10. Any display or construction not defined as a sign.

Section 14.6 - Nonconforming Signs and Sign Uses

- A. Existing signs as of the effective date of this article which do not conform to the specific provisions of the chapter may be eligible for the designation “nonconforming” provided that the signs have a valid city permit or variance and the signs comply with all applicable laws.
- B. A nonconforming sign shall lose its designation if the sign is altered in violation of this chapter. Such signs shall be deemed illegal and removed by the sign owner pursuant to the provisions of this code or state law. This provision does not refer to change of copy or normal maintenance.
- C. The nonconforming sign is subject to all requirements of this chapter regarding safety, maintenance and repair. However, any nonconforming sign that is damaged to the extent that the cost for complete repair exceeds 50 percent of the replacement cost of the sign, such sign shall be removed by the sign owner. Owners of managed on-premise signs may obtain a new sign permit if the sign is to be replaced as permitted and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

- D. The requirements of this chapter regarding animation, the illusion of movement, or the rate at which copy or content changes, shall not apply to any changeable copy sign (electronic) that has a valid city permit or variance and was lawfully erected prior to the 22nd day of November , 2004.

Section 14.7 -Violations

- A. When, in the judgment of the Administrator, a violation of this chapter exists, the Administrator shall issue a written order to the alleged violator. The order shall specify those sections of this chapter of which the person may be in violation and shall state that the person shall abate the violation within the applicable period of time set forth below or to appeal to the Housing and Building Board of Adjustment (Sign Board). If the violator fails to appeal or to correct the violation within the time allowed below by this section, the sign shall be deemed illegal and removed by the sign owner.
1. For permanent signs, within 10 days of receipt of the written order.
 2. For temporary signs or devices, within 24 hours of receipt of the written order.
 3. For signs that are unsafe or insecure or otherwise constitute an immediate danger to public health and safety, within 24 hours of receipt of the written order.
 4. In the case of an alleged violator to whom the Administrator has issued such an order within the preceding 12-month period, the notice may require the person to abate the alleged violation within 24 hours.
- B. If upon inspection, the Administrator finds that a sign is abandoned or structurally, materially, or electrically defective, or in any way endangers the public, or is not maintained in accordance with this or other applicable codes or statutes, such signs shall be deemed illegal and the Administrator shall issue a written order to the owner of the sign and/or the occupant of the premises stating the nature of the violation and requiring the sign to be repaired in conformance with this chapter or removed within ten days of the date of the order. The owner or occupant of the premises may appeal the decision of the Administrator within 10 days to the Housing and Building Board of Adjustment (Sign Board).
- C. Illegal signs are public nuisances. In the event of a failure to comply with the order of the Administrator, the City may institute legal proceedings pursuant to this Code, including without limitation, an action to abate the sign as a nuisance. Costs incurred by the City shall be charged to the owner of the sign and/or the owner of the property on which the sign is located. The costs may constitute a lien upon the property and may be collected by any appropriate lawful means.

Section 14.8 -Enforcement Agency

The Code Enforcement Department shall enforce this chapter and all references herein.

Section 14.9 - Interpretation and Variances by Enforcement Officer

The Administrator shall interpret the application of the provisions of this chapter in such a way as to carry out its stated purpose and intent. The Administrator may review requests for variances from the literal provisions of this chapter in cases where strict enforcement of the chapter would cause undue hardship to the individual application under consideration and allow such deviation only when it is demonstrated that such action will be in keeping with the spirit and intent of this chapter. In no event shall the Administrator authorize a deviation of greater than 15 percent of height and area requirements of this chapter. Requests for variances greater than 15 percent of height of area requirements shall be made to the housing and building board of adjustments pursuant to Article 19.

Section 14.10 - Reserved

Section 14.11-Compliance

It is unlawful for any person to erect, place or maintain a sign in the City except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Section 14.12 - Business License

- A. No person shall engage in the business of installing, erecting, or maintaining any sign, nor contract for the performance of such service, without a business license to do so.
- B. The business license of any sign contractor may thereafter be canceled for cause by the Revenue/Fiscal Control Department. When any sign contractor has, within two calendar years, been found guilty of three separate violations of this chapter or the building code by any court of record, whether such judgment by appealed or not, the Revenue/Fiscal Control Department shall cancel the license. The license of any person which has been canceled shall not be renewed until all past violations have been corrected, and any application for renewal of the license shall be made to the City Council, and the department shall file with the City Council a report stating whether or not all previous violations have been corrected.

Section 14.13 - Same-Bond or Insurance

No person shall engage in the business of installing, or erecting or maintaining any sign or medium of display or advertising, electric or otherwise, within the City until he has filed with the City Collector a bond or certificate of liability and property damage insurance in the sum of \$500,000.00 with such surety thereon as may be approved by the City Clerk. Such bond or certificate of liability and property damage insurance shall be conditioned for the installation, erection, and maintenance of signs in accordance with the ordinances of the City and laws of the state, and shall provide for the indemnification of the City and the purchaser or lessee of such signs, for damages or liabilities which may accrue by reason of faulty installation, erection, maintenance, demolition, repair, removal, or defects in, or collapse of any sign so serviced by or under the direction of the maker of such bond, or certificate of liability of property damage insurance. Such bond or certificate of liability and property

damage insurance shall provide for the indemnification of any person who, while upon public property or in any public place, incurs damages for which the principal named in the bond or certificate of liability property damage insurance is legally liable.

Section 14.14 - Prohibited Signs and Sales Promotion Devices

The following type signs are prohibited in all districts unless otherwise noted:

- A. Abandoned signs.
- B. Pennants, festoons, searchlights.
- C. Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals.
- D. Snipe signs.
- E. Vehicular signs.
- F. Trailer signs.
- G. Roof signs.
- H. Bench signs.
- I. Flashing signs.
- J. Animated signs.
- K. Rotating signs.
- L. Balloons.

Section 14.15 - Abandoned Signs and Sign Structures

All abandoned signs and sign structures not removed by owner after due notice may be removed by the City. Upon completion of the work the City shall file and have a lien upon real estate for the cost of removing the sign.

Section 14.16 - Permit

- A. Unless otherwise provided by this chapter, all signs shall require permits and payment of fees as described in this section. No permit is required for the maintenance of a sign or for a change of copy on manual changeable copy signs.
- B. The following signs are exempted from permit requirements but must be in conformance with all other requirements of this chapter:
 - 1. Construction signs.
 - 2. Directional/information signs.
 - 3. Nameplates.
 - 4. Political signs.
 - 5. Public signs or notices.
 - 6. Real estate signs.
 - 7. Incidental signs.
 - 8. Governmental signs.
 - 9. Any sign relating to an emergency.

- C. Application for a permit for the erection, alteration or relocation of a sign, when allowed by this chapter, shall be made to the Administrator upon a form provided by the Administrator and shall include the following information:
1. The sign owner's name, address and telephone number; and (if different) the name of the person in possession of the premises where the sign is located or to be located;
 2. The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be performing the work requested;
 3. The location and zoning description of the parcel in which the sign is or will be located;
 4. The type of sign or sign structure as defined in this chapter;
 5. Specifications and scale drawings showing the materials, design, dimensions, structural supports and electrical components of the proposed sign;
 6. The cost to construct the sign and any alteration expenses;
 7. Any other information the administrator shall require to ensure compliance with this and all other applicable city ordinances.
 8. Accompanying each application for a sign permit shall be a detailed drawing or drawings, all of which are to be to scale and legible. All existing structures and proposed structures along with proposed sign locations will be indicated. Building or structure elevation drawings shall be submitted when applications are for building-mounted signs.
- D. Accompanying each application for a sign permit for an existing sign shall be:
1. A completed application form stating all necessary facts concerning each sign, signed by the owner certifying to the facts in the application.
 2. Photographs of the sign and its locations.
- E. All applications for permits filed with the Administrator shall be accompanied by a payment of the initial permit fee for each sign according to the following schedule. All signs shall be permitted and tagged for which a fee shall be paid in accordance with an adopted permit schedule.
- F. If a permit is denied, the permit fee will be refunded to the applicant. If any sign is installed or placed on any property prior to receipt of a permit, the specified permit fee shall be doubled. However, payment of the doubled fee shall not relieve the responsible party of any other requirements or penalties prescribed in this chapter. The Mayor or his designee may accept requests for refunds or unused sign fees when a lease has been terminated or the sign has been destroyed. In the event a lease has been terminated or a sign has been destroyed, the Mayor or his designee may refund

a portion of the sign permit fee based on the amount of time remaining between the date the lease was terminated or the sign was destroyed and the date the permit expires.

- G. Any person installing, altering or relocating a sign for which a permit has been issued shall notify the Administrator upon completion of the work. The Administrator may require a final inspection, including an electrical inspection and inspection of footings on freestanding signs. The Administrator may require in writing upon issuance of a permit that he be notified for inspection prior to the installation of certain signs.
- H. Permits for on-premise signs are to be issued for a period of one year. All sign owners are required to renew their sign permits every year prior to January 31 of the year. Any sign not permitted within the month of January of the year shall be classified as abandoned. On-premise signs with expired permits are illegal and shall be removed by the sign owner at his expense.
- I. All off-premise sign permits which are valid on the effective date of this article are hereby revoked. The fees paid for such permits shall be prorated, rounded to the nearest \$10.00 and applied toward the new permit fees. Each billboard site shall require one off-premise sign permit. Notwithstanding any other provision for the application and issuance of permits, owners of all existing billboards shall obtain a new permit for each billboard within 60 days of the passage of this article. Billboard permits shall be issued for a period of two years. Billboard owners shall renew their permits prior to September 30th of the second year. The renewal fee shall be the same amount as the initial permit fee. The sign owner shall submit to the Administrator any changes in the information contained in the original permit. Any sign not permitted by the due date shall be classified as abandoned. Such signs are illegal and shall be removed by the sign owner at his expense.
- J. Off-premise sign permits issued for new signs prior to the effective date of this article are hereby revoked provided the permit holder has not commenced actual construction under the permit resulting in a tangible erection of the sign structure. The permit fee for such signs shall be refunded by the city upon application of the owner.
- K. The issuance of a sign permit shall in no instance be construed as waiving any provision of the chapter. If any person commences work on a sign before obtaining the necessary permit, or if a permit issued despite the violation of any provision of this chapter, or if the location or specifications of the sign vary from the approved design or location, the person shall be subject to the penalty prescribed in this code and the sign shall be removed as an illegal sign.
- L. In addition, the Administrator shall revoke a sign permit for failure of the holder to conform to any of the provisions of the chapter. All rights and privileges acquired under the provisions of this chapter, or any amendment thereto are mere licenses revocable at any time.

Section 14.17-Maintenance

- A. All signs and the premises surrounding the same shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean, sanitary, and inoffensive condition, and free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.
- B. All signs shall be properly maintained at all times. Exposed surfaces shall be clean and painted if paint is required. Defective parts shall be replaced.
- C. The Administrator shall have the right to order the repair or removal of any sign which is defective, damaged, substantially deteriorated or presents a public hazard, as defined in the edition of the Standard Building Code in force in the City.

Section 14.18-Lighting

Unless otherwise specified by this chapter, all signs may be illuminated. However, no sign regulated by this chapter may utilize:

- A. An exposed incandescent lamp with an external reflector and without a sunscreen or comparable diffusion.
- B. Any exposed incandescent lamp in excess of 300 watts.
- C. Any revolving beacon light.
- D. Any device that allows oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.
- E. Animation manifesting either kinetic or illusionary motion occasioned by a natural, manual, mechanical, electrical or other means.
- F. The illusion of movement by means of a preprogrammed (repetitious or sequential) switching action in which illuminated elements of the sign are turned off or on to visually simulate the impression of motion characteristic of chasing, running, blinking, oscillating, twinkling, scintillating, or expanding and contracting light patterns.

Section 14.19-Changeable Copy

- A. Unless otherwise specified by this chapter a sign may use changeable copy limited to:
 - 1. Manually activated: Signs whose alphabetic, pictographic, or symbolic informational content can be changed or altered by manual means.
 - 2. Electrically activated: Signs whose alphabetic, pictographic, or symbolic informational content can be changed or altered on a fixed surface composed of electrically illuminated or mechanically driven changeable segments. These electronic activated changes are allowed in 15 second intervals and shall not have

the illusion of movement. Time and temperature characters may change at real time.

- B. However, in no instance shall these types of signs produce an illusion of movement or animation prohibited by Section 14.18.

Section 14.20- Construction specifications

- A. Compliance with building, electrical, and traffic codes. All electrical signs or equipment and devices used in electrical signs shall bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or other recognized independent testing laboratory approved by the building official. Disconnect switches shall be located in a safe and secure location for each electrical sign and shall be located within 25 feet of such sign. Each disconnect switch shall be located so as to be readily accessible and shall be properly identified stating what sign it controls. All materials and methods used for installation shall comply with the current adopted electrical code. Specific application shall be made for approval of these signs and/or devices by the building official and/or chief electrical inspector of the city, building codes section. Such review shall be accomplished utilizing standard application and permit procedures established by the city.
- B. Anchoring. No sign shall be suspended by non-rigid attachments that will allow the sign to swing in a wind. All freestanding signs shall have self-supporting structures erected on or permanently attached to concrete foundations, or erected with pilings or other methods approved by the administrator.
- C. Wind loads. All signs shall be designed to withstand a wind of 60 miles per hour.
- D. Additional construction specifications. No signs shall be erected, constructed or maintained so as to obstruct any fire escape, required exit, window or door opening used as a means of egress. No sign shall be attached in any form, shape or manner which will interfere with any opening required for ventilation, except that signs that may be erected in front of any building may cover transom windows when not in violation of the provisions of the edition of the Standard Building Code or Fire Prevention Code. Signs shall be located in such a way as to maintain horizontal and vertical clearance of the overhead electrical conductors in accordance with all ordinances, depending on voltage concerned. However, in no case shall a sign be installed closer than 24 inches horizontally or vertically from any conductor or public utility guy wire. Electrical connections to any sign must be made with overhead or underground connections. Construction and placement of all signs must conform to the applicable traffic codes of the city and in no way restrict the safe and efficient movement of traffic.
- E. All signs constructed shall have design that will allow the sign to be removed at or near the base.

Section 14.21-Signs permitted in all zones

The following signs are permitted in all zones:

- A. All signs not requiring permits.
- B. One construction sign for each street frontage of a construction project. Signs shall not be placed within a sight triangle.
- C. One non-illuminated real estate sign and/or garage sale sign per lot or premises. Signs shall not be placed within a sight triangle.
- D. One attached nameplate sign.
- E. Political signs. Signs shall not be placed within a sight triangle.
- F. Two directional/information signs. Signs shall not be placed within a sight triangle.
- G. One company or organizational flag that can be displayed from a permanently mounted flag pole.
- H. Governmental signs.

Section 14.22-Signs permitted in R-0, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-6 and RT-1 zones

- A. The following signs shall be permitted in residential R-0, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-6 and RT-1 zones:
 - 1. All signs as permitted in Section 14.21, excluding 14.21.F and 14.21.G.
 - 2. Real estate signs and garage sale signs limited to 2x3 feet in size.
- B. For permitted nonresidential uses, including churches and synagogues, one ground mounted sign and one wall sign shall be permitted.
- C. All permitted wall signs shall face required street frontage except in complexes where a sign without street frontage would be the only means of identification for a tenant. Wall signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in sign area.
- D. All permitted ground mounted signs shall not to exceed 24 square feet in sign area. Ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 6 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any public right-of-way, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Signs shall not be placed within a sight triangle.
- E. Illumination of permitted signs shall not be greater than 50 foot lamberts luminance.

Section 14.23 - Signs permitted in R-4 and R-5 zones

- A. The following signs shall be permitted in R-4 and R-5 zones:
 - 1. All signs as permitted in Section 14.21, excluding 14.21.F and 14.21.G.
 - 2. Real estate signs and garage sale signs are limited to 2x3 feet in size.
 - 3. One ground mounted subdivision identification sign per neighborhood, subdivision or development.
 - 4. One ground mounted identification sign per apartment or condominium complex.
- B. For permitted nonresidential uses, including churches and synagogues, one ground mounted sign and one wall sign shall be permitted.
- C. All permitted wall signs shall face required street frontage except in complexes where a sign without street frontage would be the only means of identification for a tenant. Wall signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in sign area.
- D. All permitted ground mounted signs shall not to exceed 24 square feet in sign area. Ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 6 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any public right-of-way, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Signs shall not be placed within a sight triangle.
- E. Illumination shall not be greater than 100-foot lamberts of luminance.

Section 14.24 - Signs Permitted in I-1, I-2 and I-3 Zones

- A. The following signs shall be permitted in I-1, I-2 and I-3 zones:
 - 1. All signs as permitted in Section 14.21.
 - 2. One freestanding or ground mounted sign per premise.
 - 3. Window signs.
 - 4. In addition to the allowed signs above, the owner may use one of the following:
 - a. Wall or mansard signs.
 - b. One awning sign.
- B. Where a building is on a corner and has more than one main street frontage, one additional wall sign and one additional freestanding or ground mounted sign shall be permitted on the additional frontage, not to exceed the size limitations of other permitted wall and freestanding or ground mounted signs.

- C. All permitted freestanding signs shall have a maximum height limit of 30 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Freestanding signs shall have a minimum clearance of 13 feet over any vehicular use area and 9 feet over any pedestrian use area. Freestanding signs shall not exceed 2 square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 64 square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
- D. All permitted ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 6 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Ground mounted signs shall not to exceed 2 square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 64 square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
- E. All permitted wall signs shall not to exceed ten percent in aggregate sign area for that occupancy's façade area. Wall signs must face required street frontage except in complexes where a sign without street frontage would be the only means of identification for a tenant.
- F. All permitted awning signs shall have a minimum clearance of 13 feet over any vehicular use area and 9 feet over any pedestrian use area. Awning signs shall not exceed 25 percent of the surface area of an awning.
- G. Where a lot has in excess of 150 linear feet of street frontage, one additional on-premise freestanding or ground mounted sign will be allowed for each additional 150 linear feet of main street frontage. Such signs shall be subject to the size and height limitations of the first allowed freestanding or ground mounted sign and may be placed no closer than 150 linear feet from any other freestanding or ground mounted sign located on the same property.
- H. Sign heights for all freestanding on-premises signs located on properties immediately adjacent to and contiguous to an expressway or freeway may be measured from the elevation of the centerline of the traffic lanes (excluding frontage roads) adjacent to subject property to the top of the sign structure. It shall be the responsibility of the sign owner to submit all necessary information when this approach is used. A survey may be required as proof of elevations.
- I. Illumination shall not be greater than 300 foot lamberts of luminance.

Section 14.25 - Signs Permitted in C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5 and C-6 Zones

- A. The following signs are permitted in C-3, C-4, C-5 and C-6 zones:
 - 1. All signs as permitted in Section 14.21.
 - 2. One freestanding or ground mounted sign per premises.
 - 3. Window signs.

4. In addition to the allowed signs above, the owner may use one of the following:
 - a. Wall or mansard signs.
 - b. One under-canopy sign.
 - c. One projecting sign.
 - d. One awning sign.
- B. Where a building is on a corner and has more than one main street frontage, one additional wall sign and one additional freestanding or ground mounted sign shall be permitted on the additional frontage, not to exceed the size limitations of other permitted wall and freestanding or ground mounted signs.
- C. All permitted freestanding signs shall have a maximum height limit of 36 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Freestanding signs shall have a minimum clearance of 13 feet over any vehicular use area and 9 feet over any pedestrian use area. Freestanding signs shall not to exceed 2 square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 120 square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
- D. All permitted ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 6 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Ground mounted signs shall not to exceed 2 square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 120 square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
- E. All permitted wall signs shall not to exceed ten percent in aggregate sign area for that occupancy's façade area. Wall signs must face required street frontage except in complexes where a sign without street frontage would be the only means of identification for a tenant.
- F. All permitted awning signs shall have a minimum clearance of 13 feet over any vehicular use area and 9 feet over any pedestrian use area. Awning signs shall not exceed 25 percent of the surface area of an awning.
- G. All permitted under canopy signs shall have a minimum clearance of 13 feet over any vehicular use area and 9 feet over any pedestrian use area. Under canopy signs shall not exceed 15 square feet in sign area.
- H. All permitted projecting signs shall have a minimum clearance of 13 feet over any vehicular use area and 9 feet over any pedestrian use area. Projecting signs shall not exceed 15 square feet in sign area.
- I. Where a lot has in excess of 150 linear feet of street frontage, one additional on-premise freestanding or ground mounted sign shall be allowed for each additional 150 linear feet of main street frontage. Such signs shall be subject to the size and height limitations of the first allowed freestanding or ground mounted sign and may be placed no closer than 150 linear feet from any other freestanding or ground mounted sign located on the same property.

- J. Illumination shall not be greater than 300-foot lamberts of luminance.

Section 14.26 - Off-premise Signs

- A. No new off-premises or billboard signs shall be erected within the city limits, as well as the City's extra-territorial planning jurisdiction, subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance except as provided herein. This prohibition against new off-premises or billboard signs shall apply to all areas within the City limits and the City's extra-territorial planning jurisdiction, including those areas regulated by the Federal Highway Beautification Act (23 U.S.C. 131) or the Arkansas Highway Beautification Act (Ark. Code Ann. §27-74-101 et seq.).
- B. Any existing off-premises or billboard sign located on Interstate 30, Interstate 40, Interstate 440, or Highway 67/167 that is required to be removed or relocated for any reason, may only be replaced with an off-premises or billboard sign located on a site along Interstate 30, Interstate 40, Interstate 440, or Highway 67/167 as long as the site meets all of the following requirements.
1. That the site is zoned C-4, I-1, I-2, I-3, or Cons-1 and the off premise or billboard sign, including the facing and support structure, meets all required building setbacks;
 2. That the off-premise or billboard sign is not greater than 800 square feet and shall not contain more than more than one advertising sign per facing;
 3. That the off-premises or billboard sign will be separated by not less than 1000 feet from another off-premise or billboard sign. Said distance shall be measured along the nearest edge of the pavement between points directly opposite the center point of the signs. Each side of the Interstate or Highway shall be considered separately on Interstates or Highways with a median: and
 4. That the maximum height for the off-premise or billboard sign shall not exceed 45 feet above grade level except that off-premises or billboard signs located within two hundred feet of a Highway or Interstate may be elevated a maximum of 45 feet above the level of the Highway or Interstate at the point of the Highway or Interstate that is perpendicular to the center of the sign.
- C. There is hereby created an off-premises or billboard sign permit bank whereby the city planning department shall maintain a permit on file for the replacement of off-premises or billboard signs as allowed under subsection (b) supra. In order for a sign owner to be eligible to have an off-premises or billboard sign permit within said permit bank, the owner must file a notice of intent to replace an existing off-premises or billboard sign with the planning department within 30 days after the original off-premises or billboard sign has been removed.

Section 14.27 - Temporary Special Event Banners or Devices

One temporary special event banner or device per business as allowed by the administrator for special events or grand openings. Special event banners or devices shall only be utilized for nonresidential uses or nonresidential zoning districts. For these events, the banner or device may be erected for a maximum of 30 days per occasion, not to exceed 4 events in a calendar year. Special event permits are good for 30 days and may only be issued 60 days from the previous date of issuance.

- A. The banner or device shall be secured by a method approved by the administrator to ensure safety and stability and are not permitted off premise.
- B. The maximum size for the banner or device shall be 5 feet x 20 feet.
- C. The banner or device shall not be tied, secured, mounted or affixed in any manner to a tree, landscaping, screening wall or fence. The placement of the banner or device may be pole mounted or on a building provided there are no encroachments onto a public right-of-way.
- D. A special events permit shall be obtained by an owner or operator of a site, which will allow the user to structure the number of events and days per year desired. The permit shall be submitted for review and approval as set forth in Section 14.16.
- E. Maintenance shall be as provided in Section 14.17.
- F. For purposes of mixed use development with multiple businesses or buildings on a lot or tract of land, only one freestanding banner or device shall be permitted per premise or lot. One wall mounted banner per business shall be permitted.
- G. Banners or devices shall not be placed in a sight triangle.
- H. Banners shall face required street frontage.

Section 14.28 – Temporary Open House, Estate Sale, and Yard Sale Signs

The following signs may be placed in the periphery of the public right-of-way provided the following conditions are met:

- A. Yard Sale Signs and Estate Sale Signs
 - 1. The maximum allowable size shall be 4 square feet.
 - 2. These signs shall not be attached to any tree, telephone pole, fence, public bench, etc.
 - 3. These signs shall not obstruct the view of motorists or otherwise interfere with safe vehicle operation or be placed in a sight triangle.
 - 4. Such signs shall not be erected more than 24 hours prior to the day of the event.
 - 5. These signs shall be removed within 24 hours following the event.

6. All signs not removed within 24 hours of the event shall be deemed illegal and the owner of said sign shall be subject to immediate action to abate the nuisance, including removal and/or legal action.
7. All signs not meeting these criteria are subject to immediate removal and disposal.

B. Open House Signs

1. Signs shall not exceed 6 square feet in area.
2. Signs are permitted only when the realtor, seller, or agent is in attendance at the property and the property is available for viewing.
3. Signs shall not obstruct the view of motorists or otherwise interfere with safe vehicle operation or be placed in a sight triangle.
4. Such signs shall not be erected more than 24 hours prior to the day of the event.
5. All signs not removed within 24 hours of the event shall be deemed illegal and the owner of said sign shall be subject to immediate action to abate the nuisance, including removal and/or legal action.
6. All signs not meeting these criteria are subject to immediate removal and disposal.

Section 14.29 – Community Event Advertising

- A. Signs may be placed within the city parks subject to prior approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission or its designee.
- B. Signs may be placed on city property subject to prior approval by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee.

Section 14.30 – Sponsor Signs at Public Facilities

- A. Public Facilities are permitted to place signs indicating to the public the name of its sponsors.
- B. Signs must be in compliance with the standards set by the Zoning Ordinance and the North Little Rock Municipal Code.
- C. Any government entity wishing to have a sponsorship sign shall have a policy on file with the office of Community Planning before obtaining a permit for said sign.
- D. There shall be no fee for the sign permit.
- E. In no event shall a public facility be allowed to place a billboard on its premises.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING

Section 15.1 Purpose and Intent

This article is designed to provide improved livability between different or dissimilar land uses by defining policy and standards regarding the placement, retention, or replacement of areas designated as screen borders or buffer areas. This article is further designed and intended to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public by requiring screen to accomplish the following:

- A. Reduce the transmission of noise, dust, and glare.
- B. Lessen perceived visual pollution.
- C. Create a greater sense of privacy.
- D. Improve esthetics, by effectively landscaping a non-residential use.
- E. Establish tree cover to improve regional air quality.
- F. Provide tree cover to moderate temperatures and for localized shading.

Section 15.2 General Provisions

The provisions of this article are to be enforced with the following:

- A. A multifamily, office, commercial or industrial construction permit representing new primary buildings or major expansion of the primary structure.
- B. A preliminary plat, replat, final plat, site plan review.
- C. An amendment to the official zoning map or provisions of Conditional or Special Use Permits.

Section 15.3 Definitions - See Article Two

Section 15.4 Specific Requirements

- A. Plans are required. A landscape plan is required with all building permits, plats, site plan reviews, rezoning, conditional and special use permits.
- B. Parking Lot Shading.
 - 1. Trees from Table B or C shall be included in all new and expanded parking areas, or trees from Table D shall be used if beneath overhead power lines.
 - 2. Trees shall be planted at 1 tree per 6 parking spaces.

3. Trees shall be irrigated.
4. Trees 10 feet from the edge of parking area may serve for the parking shading requirements.
5. Trees shall be 2.5 inch caliper or greater at time of planting.
6. Only trees from the approved planting list will count towards any requirements.

C. Front Yard Landscape Strips.

1. Landscape strips shall have a minimum width of 6 feet between the right of way and the edge of the parking area. Where parking is oriented perpendicular to the landscape strip, wheel stops shall be provided to prevent overhang into the landscape strips or add 2 feet to the width of the strip.
2. A continuous screen of shrubs at a height of 2 feet shall be required for any parking spot that faces a street. Only shrubs from the approved planting list will count towards this requirement.
3. Mulch of shredded bark or stone may be applied in all landscaped areas to reduce moisture loss and to improve the appearance of plantings near streets.

D. Side Yard Landscape Strips.

1. Landscape strips shall have a minimum width of 4 feet between the side property line and the edge of the parking area and planted with grass, shrubs or trees. Where parking is oriented perpendicular to the landscape strip, wheel stops shall be provided to prevent overhang into the landscape strips or add 2 feet to the width of the strip.
2. A continuous screen of shrubs at a height of 2 feet shall be required for any parking spot that faces a street or adjacent property. Only shrubs from the approved planting list will count towards this requirement.

E. Street Trees.

1. Trees from Table B shall be spaced every 40 feet; trees from Table C shall be spaced every 30 feet; or trees from Table D shall be used if beneath overhead power lines and spaced every 20 feet.
2. Trees shall be irrigated.
3. Trees shall be 2.5 inch caliper or greater at time of planting.
4. Only trees from the approved planting list will count towards any requirements, unless an alternate is approved by the Planning Director.

F. Buffers between dissimilar uses. Buffers shall be established with new development activity to reduce the impact on existing neighborhoods and uses. The buffer provisions apply to different land uses separated by streets and rights-of-way and easements. Streets and roadway rights-of-way and easements shall not be used in computing the depth of any buffer area. Buffer area dimensional requirements shall be:

1. All required buffer areas shall not include any utility easement.
2. The side and rear yard buffer area shall be 5% of lot depth and width. Buffer areas shall not be less than 6 feet or greater than 40 feet; except large shopping centers may be required to provide up to 100 foot buffers if adjoining established neighborhoods.
3. Opaque fencing screenings may be allowed along alleyways.
4. Under certain conditions, up to a 100-foot buffer may be required when a new development or expansion of regional shopping center, major activity center or industrial district abuts an existing single-family, residential neighborhood.
5. A larger buffer area shall be required between residential areas and commercial areas when the commercial development abuts a major roadway to reduce ambient noise levels, per the following: 70 foot Freeway and Expressways, 40 foot Arterial streets.

G. Plant Selection. Plants should be selected by their ability to:

1. Serve the intended purpose, (limited height, provides proper screening or shading).
2. Be of low maintenance. Hardwood trees with small leaves and no fruit are preferred within the City.
3. Fit the climate, local varieties live in zone seven.
4. Fit the site regarding sun, soil, and moisture conditions.

Section 15.5 Screen Types

A. Class A – Full Screens.

1. Trees from Table B or C shall be spaced every 20 feet; or trees from Table E shall be spaced with no visual breaks; or trees from Table D shall be used if beneath overhead power lines and spaced every 20 feet.
2. Only trees and shrubs from the approved planting list will count towards any requirements, unless an option is approved by the Planning Director.

3. An 8 foot continuous opaque screen shall be provided. An opaque screen may include one of the following: wall, fence, landscaped berm, or plantings. No opaque screen is required with trees from Table E.
4. The opaque screen must be opaque in all seasons.
5. Trees shall be irrigated.

B. Class B – Half Screens.

1. Trees from Table B or C shall be spaced every 20 feet; or trees from Table D shall be used if beneath overhead power lines and spaced every 20 feet.
2. Only trees and shrubs from the approved planting list will count towards any requirements.
3. A 4 foot continuous opaque screen shall be provided. An opaque screen may include one of the following: wall, fence, landscaped berm, or plantings.
4. The opaque screen must be opaque in all seasons.
5. Trees shall be irrigated.

C. Class C – Thin Screens.

1. Trees from Table D and F shall be spaced every 20 feet; or trees from Table B, C or E shall be spaced every 40 feet.
2. Only trees and shrubs from the approved planting list will count towards any requirements.
3. Trees shall be irrigated.

Section 15.6 - Enforcement and Amendment

- A. These provisions apply to new multi-family, office, commercial and industrial building permits constituting new primary buildings and major expansions; and should not be required with other residential building permits. The Planning Commission shall review all screening or landscape plans for major expansions.
- B. The North Little Rock City Council shall consider all requests for variance or modifications of buffers, accompanied with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Existing uses are encouraged to provide screening but are not subject to the provisions of this section, unless otherwise specified in this ordinance for nuisance abatement.
- C. All buffer areas and parking lot shading and screenings shall be installed during construction and shall be completed prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit

with the exception that during severe summer drought conditions, a 60-day extension shall be allowed. Should the drought exist at the end of the extension, additional 60-day extension may be allowed. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance may be the imposition of a fee sufficient to accomplish the provision by a by a reputable landscape architect or nursery. The Planning Director, Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Department shall be responsible for determining noncompliance. All deficiencies shall be corrected by the payment of fees sufficient for replacement.

Table A: Buffer/Screening of Dissimilar Land Uses

New Use/Development		R1 & R2	R3	R4	R5 & R6	R0	RT1	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	I1	I2	I3
Single Family	R1 & R2	X	X	B	C	C	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Duplex	R3	X	X	C	X	X	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Multi-Family	R4	B	C	X	X	X	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Condominium etc.	R5 & R6	C	X	X	X	C	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Zero Lot Single Family	R0	C	X	X	C	X	B	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Manufactured Home Park	RT1	A	A	A	A	B	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Professional Office	C1	B	B	B	B	C	A	X	B	C	B	B	X	A	A	A
Neighborhood Retail	C2	A	A	B	B	B	A	B	C	X	C	X	X	C	B	A
Regional Retail	C3	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	X	X	C	X	X	B	B	A
Unfortunate Commercial	C4	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	C	C	X	X	A	X	C	B
Downtown Commercial	C5	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	B
Central Business District	C6	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	A	A
Lightest Industrial	I1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	B	X	X	X	X	X	X
Light Industrial	I2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	C	X	A	X	X	X
Heavy Industrial	I3	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	A	X	X	X

Definitions: A=full screening; B=half screening; C=thin screen; X=no screen required

Table B: Tress over 50' Tall

Common Name	Botanical Name	Growth Rate	Recommended Cultivars
Norway Maple	<i>Acer plantanoides</i>	Moderate	“Cleveland”, “Summer Shade”
Red Maple (N)	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Fast	“Autumn Flame”, “Lilford”, “Red”
Katsura Tree*	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Fast	
Seedless Green Ash (N)	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica lanceolata</i>	Fast	“Marshall’s Seedless”, “Newport Summit”
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Slow	“Autumn Gold”, “Lakeview”, “Mayfield”
Kentucky Coffee Tree (N)	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Moderate	
Tulip Poplar* (N)	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Fast	
Sycamore* (N)	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Fast	
London Plantree	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	Moderate	
Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	Moderate	
Red Oak	<i>Quercus borealis</i>	Moderate	
Scarlett Oak (N)	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Fast	
Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardi</i>		
Bald Cypress (N)	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Moderate	
Japanese Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	Fast	“Parkview”, “Village Green”
Lacebark Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Moderate	
Water Oak (N)	<i>Quercus nigra</i>	Moderate	

These large natives require space and need planting where droppage of leaves is not objectionable.

Katsura Tree – use single trunk only

Growth rate: Slow – less than 1” per year; Moderate 1-2 inches per year; Fast – more than 2 inches per year.

(N) denotes native tree

Table C: Trees 30' to 50' Tall

Common Name	Botanical Name	Growth Rate	Recommended Cultivars
Turkish Filbert	<i>Corylus columa</i>	Moderate	
Thornless Honey Locust (N)	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i>	Fast	"Skyline" "Shademaster" "Greenglory" "Moraine"
Blackgum (N)	<i>Myssa sylvatica</i>	Slow	
Little Leaf Linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Moderate	"Greenspire"
Silver Linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Moderate	
Japanese Pagoda Tree	<i>Sophora japonica</i>	Fast	

Growth rate: Slow – less than 1" per year; Moderate 1-2 inches per year; Fast – more than 2 inches per year.
(N) denotes native tree

Table D: Trees less than 30' Tall

Common Name	Botanical Name	Growth Rate	Recommended Cultivars
Trident Maple	<i>Acer buergerianum</i>	Slow	
Ironwood (American Hornbeam) (N)	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Slow	
Thornless Cockspit Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crusgalli inermis</i>	Moderate	
Washington Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus phaenopyrus</i>	Moderate	"Clark"
Winter King Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	Moderate	
Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Moderate	
Crepe Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Fast	"Cherokee" "Muskogee" "Potomac" "Natchez"
Hop Hornbeam (N)	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Slow	
Persian Parrotia	<i>Parrotia persica</i>	Moderate	
Chinese Pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Slow	
Japanese Maple	<i>Acer Palmadum</i>	Moderate	
Red Bud	<i>Cercis Canabnsis</i>		
Dogwood	<i>Cornus Florida</i>		

Growth rate: Slow – less than 1" per year; Moderate 1-2 inches per year; Fast – more than 2 inches per year.
(N) denotes native tree

Table E: Evergreen Trees Over 30' Tall

Common Name	Botanical Name	Growth Rate	Recommended Cultivars
Eastern Red Cedar**	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Moderate	40'-50'
Southern Magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Slow	60'-80'
Austrian Pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Moderate	50'-60'
Eastern White Pine (N)	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Moderate	60'-80'
Scotch Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Fast	60'-90'
Loblolly Pine*	<i>Pinus taeda</i>	Fast	60'-90'
Japanese Black Pine	<i>Pinus thunbergii</i>	Moderate	30'-50'
Virginia (Scrub) Pine (N)	<i>Pinus virginiana</i>	Moderate	20'-40'
Southern Live Oak	<i>Quercus Virginiana</i>		
Slash Pine	<i>Pinus Elliottii</i>		
Shoot Leaf	<i>Pinus Echinata</i>		

* Loses lower limbs-underplant

** Easily transplanted, many cultivars, including "Canaerti", "Glaucia"

(N) denotes native tree

Table F: Evergreen Trees Less than 30' Tall

Common Name	Botanical Name	Growth Rate	Recommended Cultivars
Foster Holly #2	<i>Ilex opaca</i> : Fosteri #2	Moderate	25'-30'
Savannah Holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i> "Savannah"	Moderate	25'-30'
Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Moderate	12'-15'
Nellie R Stephens Holly	X"Nellie R Stephens"	Fast	
Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus Caroliniana</i>	Fast	20'-30'
Burford Holly	<i>Ilex Norlur</i>	Moderate	
Chinese Potinia	<i>Phontina Serrulata</i>	Moderate - Fast	20'-25'

Growth rate: Slow – less than 1" per year; Moderate 1-2 inches per year; Fast – more than 2 inches per year.

(N) denotes native tree

Table G: Shrubs 3' - 4' height

Common Name	Botanical Name	Sun	Shade	Recommended Varieties
Edward Houcher Abelia	Abelia Grandiflora	X	X	
Wintergreen Barberry	Berberis julianae	X	X	
Japanese Boxwood	Buxus microphylla	X	X	“Koreana” “Wintergreen”
Manhattan Euonymus	Euonymus Kiautschovicus	X	X	“Manhatian”
Dwarf Burford Holly	Ilex cornuta “burfordii nana”	X	X	
Dwarf Horned Holly	Ilex cornuta “Rotunda”	X		
Japanese Holly	Ilex crenata	X	X	“Compactia” “Green Island” “Greenluster” “Hetzil” “Convexa”
Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria “nana”	X	X	“Stokes”
Dwarf Pfitzer Juniper	Juniperus chinensis	X		“Compact Pfitzer”
Dwarf Yaupon	Ilex vomitoria “nana”			
Dwarf Chinese Holly	Corunita Rotunda			
Dwarf Abellia	X grandiflora (Sherwoodii)			
Gumpo Azalea	Rhododendron Indicum (gumpo)			
Andora Juniper	Juniperus horizontalis (plumose)			
Dwarf Nandina	Nandina dumestion			
Harbor Dwarf	Fire power, guit stream			

Table H: Shrubs 6' - 8' height

Common Name	Botanical Name	Sun	Shade	Recommended Varieties
Needlepoint Holly	Ilex cornuta “Needlepoint”	X	X	“Willowleaf”
Box Leaf Holly	Ilex crenata	X	X	“Buxifolia”
Brillant Holly	Ilex x aquipernyl	X	X	“Brlant”
Wax Myrtle	Myrica certifera	X	X	
Gulf Tide Osmanthus	Osmanthus heterophylus	X	X	“Gulftide”
Burkwood Viburnum	Viburnum x “burkwood”	X	X	
Willow Wood Viburnum	Viburnum x rhytidophylloides		X	“Willow wood”

Table I: Shrubs 8'- 15' height

Common Name	Botanical Name	Sun	Shade	Recommended Varieties
Eleagnus	Eleagnus	X	X	“Fruitland”
Cassine Holly	Ilex cassine	X	X	
Chinese Holly	Ilex cornuta	X	X	“Burfordii” “Nellie R. Stephens”
Dr. Kassab’s Holly	Ilex x “Dr. Kassab”		X	
Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria	X	X	
Fraser’s Photinia	Photinia x “Fraseri”	X		
Leatherleaf Viburnum	Viburnum rhytidophyllum		X	

Table J: Native Deciduous Ornamental Trees (naturalized screen in shade)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size	Remarks
Wild Plum	Prunus americana	30’	
Sweet Bay	Magnolia virginiana	30’	Semi-evergreener
Ironwood	Carpinus caroliniana	20’-30’	Slow growth
Paw Paw	Asimina triloba	20’-25’	
Service Berry	Amelanchier arborea	20’	
Red Bud	Cercis canadensis	20’	Showy spring flowers in sun or partial shade
Flowering Dogwood	Comus florida	20’	
Hop hornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	20’	Slow growth; flakey bark
Dwarf Red Buckeye	Aesculus pavia	15’	Slow growth; showy spring flowers
Devil’s Walking Stick	Aralia spinosa	15’	Thicket forming
False Indigo	Amorpha fruticosa	8’	

Table K: Native Evergreen (naturalized screen in shade)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size	Remarks
Eastern Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	50’	Grows well in sun
Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria	20’	

Table L: Native Deciduous Ornamental Trees (naturalized screen in shade)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size	Remarks
Sweet Gum	Liquidambar styraciflua	100'	Outstanding fall color
Oaks	Quercus species	60'	Naturally occurring throughout region
River Birch	Betula nigra	50'	Fast growth; tolerates shade and wet
Persimmon	Diospyros virginiana	50'	
Osage Orange	Naclura pomifera	40'	Plant close to produce thorny hedge; male plant preferred
Sassafras	Sassafras albidum	40'	Forms dense thicket; good sound barrier
Fringe tree	Chionanthus virginicus	25'	
Rough Leaf Dogwood	Cornus drummondi	20'	Forms dense thicket
Chickasaw Plum	Prunus angustifolia	10'	
Smooth Sumac	Thus glabra	10'	Fall colors
American Filbert	Corytus Americana	8'	Taller when found in natural habitat; forms dense thicket
Flameleaf Sumac	Rhus copallina	8'	Outstanding fall color
Coralberry	Symphiocarpus orbiculatus	5'	Attractive fruit; shade tolerant

ARTICLE SIXTEEN CONDITIONAL USES

Section 16.1 – General Purpose

The purpose of this section is to set forth procedures for processing conditional uses applications and to establish standards by which conditional uses can be evaluated. The Planning Commission shall hear and approve or disapprove in accordance with provisions of this section all requests for conditional use permits. Only those uses which are specifically listed as conditional uses in the respective zoning classifications may be requested for conditional use authorization. When authorization is given for conditional use and the use is established as authorized then the facility and land may be sold or otherwise have ownership transferred and the conditional use remain in affect. The conditional use authorization runs with the land.

Section 16.2 – Application Procedure

Application for conditional use approval shall be made by the property owner or authorized agent for the owner. The application may accompany a rezoning request or may be applied for if the use is a conditional use in the existing zoning classification. The application shall be submitted to the North Little Rock Planning department.

- A. Development Plan Review. The procedure for Development Plan Review in Article 18 shall be followed. The Planning Director, at the informal meeting with the applicant may determine that aspects or items called for in the development plan review process are not relevant to a conditional use application and, thus, exempt these items from the development plan preparation. The application shall be accompanied by a fee, in accordance with North Little Rock Ordinance.
- B. Submission Requirements.
 - 1. The submission requirements shall be the same as development plan review except as aspects or items may be exempted by the Planning Director.
 - 2. In addition to the graphic and supporting documentation required for development plan review the applicant shall provide information showing all mitigating measures to be taken that will make the proposed use compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and especially with abutting existing uses.

Section 16.3 – Uses Exclusively Conditional

- A. Correctional Facilities. Due to their nature and impact on adjacent property correctional facilities shall require a conditional use permit in any zoning district where proposed.
- B. Industrial by Right. Certain public and quasi-public uses due to their nature and impact on adjacent properties shall be permitted by right only in the appropriate

industrial zoning district established by this ordinance. These uses may be permitted in other zoning districts by conditional use permit. The use are:

1. City and County vehicle storage yards for vehicles, maintenance equipment and materials.
2. Utility substation for distribution of services or products or bulk storage.
3. Water or sewer treatment plant or ancillary facilities.
4. Communication, receiving or transmitting facilities other than wireless communication facilities (WCF). The WCF are regulated in Resolution No. 5221 of the City of North Little Rock.
5. Cemeteries.

Section 16.4 – Review Procedure

- A. Staff and subdivision Committee. The subdivision committee of the Planning Commission shall review the conditional use along with staff recommendations for approval, approval with modifications, deferral or denial. The committee shall pass each development plan to the full commission for final action with any comments determined necessary.
- B. Planning Commission Action. Upon receipt in proper form of the application and development plan referred to in A. above of this section, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing after notice as provided by state law. The Planning Commission shall then take the follow actions:
 1. The Planning Commission shall impose conditions and restrictions upon the premises benefited by the conditional use permit as may be necessary to reduce or minimize the injurious effects of the conditional use. The conditional use must ensure compatibility with the surrounding property to better carry out the general intent of this section.
 2. The Planning Commission shall report to the City Council its findings and recommendations, including the stipulations of additional conditions, and guarantees that such conditions will be complied with when they are deemed necessary for the protection of the public interest. The City Council, subject to the requirements of this section may grant or deny any application for a conditional use. Conditional uses shall only become effective by an ordinance duly passed by the City Council.
 3. When the application for conditional use permit includes a request for re-zoning the procedure shall be submitted to the City Council as directed by the section.

Section 16.5 – Conditions

Once any portion of the conditional use authorization is utilized, all such conditions pertaining to such authorization shall immediately become mandatory. The violation of any condition so imposed shall constitute grounds for revocation of the conditional use authorization.

- A. Variances. No conditional use authorized by the Planning Commission shall be subsequently applied for as a variance to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Amendments or changes as to the use authorized by the conditional use process must follow the same process as the original conditional use application.
- B. Expansion or Additions. Expansions or additions to structures associated with conditional uses may be approved by the director of planning without further conditional use authorization under the following circumstances:
 - 1. The proposed expansion is limited to a structural addition to an existing building not to exceed 10 percent of the gross floor area within the existing structure to be expanded.
 - 2. The proposed expansion is limited to 1 time subsequent to the original conditional use authorization.
 - 3. The proposed expansion is reviewed and approved by the director of planning with the determination that such expansion does not violate any of the conditions set forth in the original conditional use authorization, does not require further imposition of new conditions and does not adversely impact surrounding properties.
- C. Time Limitations. Conditions may include time limits for exercise of authorization. However, the maximum allowable time shall be limited to 1 year from the date of approval. Required permits must be obtained within the allotted period. Failure to obtain permits will result in notice of termination from city staff. The notice shall set a time and place for a revocation hearing by the Planning Commission at which time the owner may request time extension.

Section 16.6 – Right of Appeal

Appeals from a decision of the Planning Commission may be made to the City Council. Appeals from a decision of the City Council may be made to a Court of Record having jurisdiction.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN SPECIAL USES

Section 17.1 – Purpose

The Special Use provision is to provide City Council use exceptions without rezoning the property. There are special uses which, because of their unique characteristics, may be difficult to properly classify in any particular district or districts without consideration, in each case of the impact of those uses upon neighboring land and of the public need for the particular use at the particular location. Such special uses fall into 2 categories:

- A. Uses publicly operated or traditionally affected with a public interest, and that are necessary to insure the public peace, health and welfare.
- B. Uses entirely private in character but of such an unusual nature that their operation may give rise to unique problems with respect to their impact upon neighboring property or public facilities, and which uses are in principal compatible with surrounding uses.

When authorization is given for a special use and the use is established as authorized then the use and land may not be sold or otherwise have ownership transferred and the "special use" remain in effect. The special use authorization does not run with the land.

Section 17.2 – Initiation of Special Use

Any person, firm or corporation owning or having an interest in the subject property, with approval of the owner, may file an application for a special except in an R-1 district.

Section 17.3 – Application

An application for a special use or expansion of a special use shall be filed with the Planning Commission on a form prescribed by the planning commission. The application shall be accompanied by such plans and/or data prescribed by the Planning Commission and shall include a statement in writing by the applicant and adequate evidence showing that the proposed special use will conform to the standard set forth in Section 17.6, Standards.

Section 17.4 – Hearing

Upon receipt in proper form of the application and statement referred to above, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing after notice as provided by state law.

Section 17.5 – Authorization

For each application for a special use the Planning Commission shall report to the City Council its findings and recommendations, including the stipulations of additional conditions, and guarantees that such conditions will be complied with when they are deemed necessary for the protection of the public interest. The City Council, subject to the requirements of this section may grant or deny any application for a special use. Special

uses shall only become effective by an ordinance duly passed by the City Council. Provided, however, no special use shall be approved in Zones R-2, R-3, or R-4 without a two-thirds majority of all of the members of the City Council.

Section 17.6 – Standards

No special use shall be adopted by the Council unless the following standards are found to exist:

- A. That the establishment, maintenance or operation of the special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare.
- B. That adequate utility, access roads, drainage, and/or other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.
- C. That adequate measure has been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
- D. That the special use shall in all other respects conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as such regulations may in each instance be modified by the City Council pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Section 17.7 – Conditions and Guaranties

Prior to the granting of any special use the Planning Commission may recommend, and the City Council shall stipulate, such conditions and restrictions upon the establishment, location, construction, maintenance, and operation of the special use as deemed necessary for the protection of the public interest and to secure compliance with the standards above. In all cases in which special uses are granted the City Council shall require such evidence and guaranties [guarantees] as it may deem necessary as proof that the conditions stipulated in connection therewith are being, and will be complied with.

Section 17.8 – Requirements for Authorized Special Use

Each special use hereafter authorized shall be required to adhere to, height, set-back, and other standards of the zone in which the special permit is being allowed, in order to resemble the intended zone characteristics.

Section 17.9 – Revocation

In any case where a special use has not been established within one year after the date of the granting thereof, then without further action by the Planning Commission or the City Council, the special use authorization shall be null and void.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

Section 18.1 – General Application

The purpose of the sections in this article are to provide processes the City will use to evaluate and regulate development of property, conditional use of land, and special uses.

Section 18.2 – Development Plan Regulation

- A. General Purpose and Review Guidelines. The Development plan review provisions set forth in this section have the intent to protect the public health and safety, promote the general welfare of citizens and preserve the environment. And further:
 - 1. The purpose of this section is to set forth procedures for processing development plans and to establish standards for development within those districts which require compliance with this section.
 - 2. Development Plan review is a process that provides for case by case consideration of project particulars including the provision of parking and landscaping, site of buildings and the compatibility of the proposed development with adjacent uses.
 - 3. The Development Plan review does not supplant the requirement for a “plot plan” which is a part of the application for a building permit or final construction.
 - 4. The Planning Commission may require Development Plan Review for any project, even if exempted by these regulations.
- B. General Design Guidelines. All development shall be designed in such a way as to minimize any potential deleterious impact on the surrounding area. Special attention shall be given to buffering multifamily, commercial and industrial developments from adjacent single-family areas. Design of the internal street system, ingress and egress, off-street parking, loading and pedestrian ways shall be sensitive to such conditions as safety, convenience, separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, cross easements, general attractiveness, areas of dwelling units and the proper relationship of different land uses. Such design shall conform to the standards set forth in “section 8 improvements” of the North Little Rock “Control of Development and Subdivision of Land” regulation.
 - 1. Screening. Article 15, Screening and Landscaping is designed to improve livability between different or dissimilar land uses by defining policy and standards regarding the placement, retention, or replacement of areas designated as screen borders or buffer areas. Article 15 is included in the “Development Plan Review” process.

2. Handicapped Parking and Accessibility. The requirement of Arkansas State Fire Code, section 508, provides for handicapped parking and accessibility shall be fully drafted and presented in the Development Plan.
- C. Activities Requiring Development Plan Regulation Review. The owner of a parcel of land shall obtain development plan approval prior to undertaking any alteration or improvement of the site including grubbing or grading, obtaining a building or codes permit for the activities, or commencing any of the following activities:
1. New principal buildings or major expansion or renovation of principal buildings, building groups, and the site lay-out when the uses proposed are either commercial, industrial, multi-family or manufactured housing.
 2. In preparation of an application to create a zoning district in a new location (re-zone) or to expand an existing zoning district.
 3. In preparation of Planned Unit Development of any land use category or categories.
 4. The preparation of a site or lot by clearing and grubbing, excavating and leveling, providing access or utilities all for the purpose of creating a development or selling the lot or site; for development by others.
 5. Any development activity proposed to take place in the “Argenta” overlay district.
 6. Conditional and Special Uses
- D. Activities Not Requiring Development Plan Review. The following activities shall not require development plan review: (these activities, however, are not exempted from the Plot Plan requirement for a building permit, building codes permit, fence construction or other state and local approval as prescribed by this zoning regulation).
1. The construction, alteration or enlargement of a single family or two-family dwelling unit including their permitted accessory buildings.
 2. The placement of manufactured housing or mobile homes on individual lots when the lots are in approved R-6, RT-1 mobile home subdivisions or mobile home parks.
 3. The harvesting of timber from forestry plots (or acreage) on declared tree farms or timber held for maturation and harvesting.
 4. Agricultural activities including agricultural buildings and structures.
 5. Temporary structures such as construction trailers, real estate sales trailers, and the like.

- E. Review and Approval Authority. The Planning Commission is authorized to review and act on all development plans requiring review as defined above. In each instance where the Planning Commission is required to review the development plan for a proposed use, it shall approve, deny, or conditionally approve the application based on its compliance with the standards in Section 18.4 - Approval Standards, which action shall be binding upon the applicant.
- F. Review Procedure.
1. Prior to submitting a formal application. The applicant may schedule a pre-application meeting with the Planning Director. The pre-application meeting is informal and informational in nature. There is no fee for a pre-application meeting. The purposes of the meet are to:
 - a. Allow the Planning Department to understand the nature of the proposed land use and issues in the proposal.
 - b. Allow the applicant to understand the development plan review process and required submissions.
 - c. Identify issues that need to be addressed in future submissions.
 2. Information required for pre-application meeting. The applicant should be prepared to discuss the following with the Planning Director:
 - a. The proposed site, including its location, size, and general characteristics.
 - b. The natural characteristics of the site that may limit its use and development.
 - c. The nature of the proposed use and potential development, including a conceptual site plan.
 - d. Any issues or questions about existing municipal regulations and their applicability to the project.
 - e. Any requests for waivers from the submission requirements.
 3. Waiver of Information. Where the Planning Director finds that due to special circumstances of a particular plan, the submission of any information, Submission Requirement is inappropriate because of the nature of the proposed development, the Planning Director may waive such requirements, subject to appropriate conditions.

Section 18.3– Formal Application

- A. After an application has been submitted with the required fee, the Planning Director shall issue a dated receipt to the applicant. The Planning Director and the Subdivision Review Committee shall review the development plan application and accompanying materials for completeness. The applicant shall be notified in writing of any omissions. If the applicant fails to submit a complete application within 4 months the application shall be considered withdrawn. When the Planning Director and Subdivision Review Committee make the determination that an application is complete, the application shall be scheduled for consideration at the next available

Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission may request an evaluation of specific aspects of the development plan from the Fire Marshal, City Engineer, Utility Authorities, Traffic Department, and Historical Commission or appropriate others. It may defer making its decision until the needed information is provided or until its next regular meeting.

1. The Planning Commission shall schedule a public hearing in accord with standard procedures at which time interested persons may appear and offer information in support of or against the proposed development plan.
 - a. The Planning Department shall make recommendations on each plan submitted.
 - b. The Subdivision Committee shall add any comment determined necessary to expedite the hearing on the application.
 - c. The Planning Commission may either approve the site plan with modifications and agreements for developer contributions as necessary defer the site plan or deny the site plan.
 - d. When the development plan is submitted for the zoning or re-zoning of property the final action of the Planning Commission shall be to submit its action concerning the development to the City Council for its decision.
 - e. The Planning Commission, when appropriate, shall require that a performance guarantee be established with the city for the cost of site improvements. Each performance guarantee shall comply with Section 10. Assurance for Completion of Improvements as found in the Control of Development and Subdivision of Land Regulation, City of North Little Rock.
 - f. Development plan approval shall be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of final approval. Prior to the expiration of the development plan approval, the applicant may request an extension of up to one year from the Planning Commission for cause shown. Development plan approval shall remain valid if a building permit has been issued for the project prior to the expiration date. Expiration of the building permit prior to completion of the project shall render the development plan approval null and void. Failure to comply with conditions placed upon development plan approval, to post any necessary performance guarantees, to comply with any other permitting processes or to address any other issues of site development, except pending litigation challenging the development plan approval, shall render the approval null and void unless an extension is granted by the Planning Commission for good cause.
2. Appeals from the action of the Planning Commission shall be filed with the City Council. The content of the appeal filing shall consist of:

- a. A cover letter addressed to the Mayor and Alderpersons setting forth the request.
- b. A copy of the contested action by the Planning Commission certified by the planning staff to be true and accurate.

This filing shall occur within 30 calendar days of the action of the Planning Commission on the development plan. No activity which requires development plan approval (no permit issued) shall be conducted by the developer until the City Council has made its decision.

B. Development Plan Submission Requirements. The applicant shall submit 17 copies of development plans and supporting information drawn to scale no larger than 24 inches by 36 inches. Multiple sheets may be used, if needed, to contain (display) the entire project or phases.

1. Evidence of right, title, and interest in the site of the proposed project.
2. A key map of the site with reference to surrounding properties and existing street locations.
3. The name and address of the owner and development plan applicant, together with the names of the owners of all contiguous land and or property directly across the street and within 200 feet of the property, as shown by the most recent tax records in which such properties shall lie.
4. Lot line dimensions.
5. Location of all existing buildings and structures, streets, easements, driveways, entrances and exits on the site and within 100 feet thereof.
6. Proposed location and dimensions of proposed buildings and structures, roads, driveways, parking areas and other improvements.
7. Building setback, front side line, and rear yard distance and building heights.
8. All existing physical features on the site and within 200 feet thereof, including streams, watercourses, existing woodlands, and existing trees at least 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 feet above grade. Soil conditions as reflected by survey (such as wetlands, rock ledge, and areas of high water table) shall also be shown. The Planning Commission may require a high intensity soils survey where it deems necessary.
9. Topography showing existing and proposed contours at 5 foot intervals for slopes averaging 20% or greater and at 2 foot intervals for land of lesser slope. A reference benchmark shall be clearly designated. Where variations in the topography may affect the layout of buildings and roads, the Planning

Commission may require that the topographic maps be based on an on-site survey.

10. Parking, loading, and unloading areas shall be indicated with dimensions, traffic patterns, access aisles, and curb radii.
11. Improvements such as roads, curbs, bumpers, decal lanes and sidewalks shall be indicated with cross sections, design details and dimensions.
12. Location and design of existing and proposed stormwater systems, detention areas, sanitary waste disposal systems and potable water supply, and methods of solid waste storage and disposal.
13. Landscaping and buffering plan showing what will remain and what will be planted, indicating botanical and common names of plants and trees, dimensions, approximate time of planting and maintenance plans.
14. Lighting details indicating type of standards, location, wattage, radius of light and intensity in foot-candles.
15. Location, dimensions, and details of signs.
16. Demonstration of technical and financial capability to complete the project. If the applicant concludes that public disclosure of confidential financial information may be detrimental to the success of the project, the applicant may disclose such financial information to the Mayor who shall explore with due diligence, the applicant's financial capability to complete the project as proposed in a timely fashion and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Section 18.4 – Approval Standards

- A. The following criteria shall be used by the Planning Director, the Subdivision Committee and the Planning Commission in reviewing applications for development plan review and shall serve as minimal requirement for approval of the application. In each instance, the burden of proof shall be on the applicant to produce evidence sufficient to warrant a finding that all criteria have been met. The development plan will reflect the natural capabilities of the site to support development. Buildings, lots, and support facilities will be clustered in those portions of the site that have the most suitable conditions for development. Environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, steep slopes, flood plains, and unique natural features will also be maintained and preserved to the maximum extent feasible. Natural drainage areas will also be preserved to the maximum extent feasible.
- B. Traffic Access and Parking.
 1. Adequacy of Road System. Vehicular access to the site will be on roads which have adequate capacity to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the development. For developments which generate 100 or more peak hour trips

based on the latest edition of the Trip Generation Manual of the Institute of Traffic Engineers, intersections on major access routes to the site within 1 mile of any entrance road which are functioning at a Level of Service C or better prior to the development will function at a minimum at Level of Service C after development. If any such intersection is functioning at a Level of Service D or lower prior to the development, the project will not reduce the current level of service. A development not meeting this requirement may be approved if the applicant demonstrated that:

- a. A public agency has committed funds to construct the improvements necessary to bring the level of access to this standard.
 - b. The applicant will assume financial responsibility for the improvements necessary to bring the level of service to this standard and will assure the completion of the improvements with a financial guarantee acceptable to the municipality.
 - c. City policy does not support (is not a proponent of) the construction improvements.
2. Access into the Site. Vehicular access to and from the development shall be safe and convenient.
- a. All entrance and exit driveways are located to afford maximum safety to traffic, provide for safe and convenient ingress and egress to and from the site and to minimize conflict with the flow of traffic.
 - b. Any exit driveway or driveway lane is so designated in profile and grading and so located as to provide the maximum possible sight distance measured in each direction. The sight distance available shall be consistent with the standards of the City.
 - c. Where a site occupies a corner of 2 intersecting roads, no driveway entrance or exit is located within 50 feet of the point of tangency of the existing or proposed curb radius of that site.
 - d. No part of any driveway shall be located within a minimum of 10 feet of a side property line. However, the Planning Commission may permit a driveway serving 2 or more adjacent sites to be located on or within 10 feet of a common side property line.
 - e. Driveways intersect the road at an angle as near 90° as site conditions will permit.
 - f. Road, driveway, and parking lot construction comply with the construction and design standards in the control of Development and Subdivision of Land Regulation.

3. Internal Vehicular Circulation. The layout of the site shall provide for the safe movement of passenger, service, and emergency vehicles through the site.
 - a. Nonresidential projects that will be served by delivery vehicles will provide a clear route for such vehicles with appropriate geometric design to allow turning and backing for a minimum of vehicles.
 - b. Clear routes of access shall be provided and maintained for emergency vehicles to and around buildings and shall be posted with appropriate signage (fire lane – no parking).
 - c. The layout and design of parking areas shall provide for safe and convenient circulation of vehicles throughout the lot.
 - d. All roadways shall be designed to harmonize with the topographic and natural features of the site. The road network shall provide for vehicular, pedestrian, and cyclist safety, all season emergency access, and delivery and collection services.
4. Parking Layout and Design. Off-street parking shall conform to Article 13 Off Street Parking and the following standards:
 - a. Parking areas with more than 2 parking spaces shall be arranged so that vehicles do not need to back into the street.
 - b. All parking spaces, access drives, and impervious surfaces shall be located at least 4 feet from any side or rear lot line, except where standards require a greater distance. No parking spaces or asphalt type surface shall be located within 6 feet of the front property line. Parking lots on adjoining lots may be connected by access ways.
 - c. In lots utilizing diagonal parking, the direction of proper traffic flow shall be indicated by signs, pavement markings or other permanent indications.
 - d. Parking areas for nonresidential uses shall be designed to permit each motor vehicle to proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicles. “Stacked” parking may be permitted for resident parking in conjunction with residential uses if both spaces in the stack are assigned to the occupants of the same dwelling unit.
 - e. The “overhang” of parked vehicles shall be restricted when it might restrict traffic flow on adjacent through roads restrict pedestrian or bicycle movement on adjacent walkways or damage landscape materials.
- C. Pedestrian Circulation. The site plan shall provide for a system of pedestrian ways within the development appropriate to the type and scale of development. This system shall connect the major building entrances/exits with parking areas and with existing or planned sidewalks in the vicinity of the project. The pedestrian network

may be located either in the street right-of-way in open space or recreation areas. The system shall be designed to link the project with residential, recreational, and commercial facilities, schools, bus stops, and sidewalks in the neighborhood.

- D. Stormwater Management. Adequate provisions will be made for the collection and disposal of all stormwater that runs off proposed street, parking areas, roofs and other surfaces during a 25 year, 24 hour storm, through a stormwater drainage system and maintenance plan, which will not have adverse impacts on abutting or downstream properties. The stormwater management provisions shall be consistent with Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Regulation and the following:
1. To the extent possible, the plan will retain stormwater on the site using the natural features of the site.
 2. For major developments, stormwater runoff systems will detain or retain water such that the rate of flow from the site does not exceed the predevelopment rate, unless the system discharges directly to the Arkansas River.
 3. The applicant will demonstrate that on- and off-site downstream channel or system capacity is sufficient to carry the flow without adverse effects, or that the applicant will be responsible for whatever improvements are needed to provide the required increase in capacity.
 4. All natural drainage ways will be preserved at their natural gradients and will not be filled or converted to a closed system unless specifically approved.
 5. The design of the stormwater drainage system shall provide for the disposal of stormwater without damage to streets, adjacent properties, downstream properties, soils, and vegetation.
 6. The design of the storm drainage systems will be fully cognizant of upstream runoff which must pass over or through the site to be developed.
 7. The biological and chemical properties of the receiving waters will not be degraded by the stormwater runoff from the development site. The use of oil and grease traps in manholes, the use of on-site vegetated waterways, and vegetated buffer strips along waterways and drainage swales, and the reduction in use of deicing salts and fertilizers may be required, especially where the development stormwater discharges into a meander scar or oxbow lake.
- E. Erosion Control. All building site, and roadway designs and layouts will harmonize with existing topography and conserve desirable natural surroundings to the fullest extent possible. Filling, excavation and earth moving activity will be kept to a minimum. Parking lots on sloped sites will be terraced to avoid undue cut and fill, and/or the need for retaining walls. Natural vegetation will be preserved and protected wherever possible.

During construction, soil erosion and sedimentation or watercourses are water bodies will be minimized by an active program meeting the requirements of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

- F. Water Supply. The development will be provided with a system of water supply that provides each use with an adequate supply of drinking water.

If the project is proposed to be served by a public water supply, the applicant shall secure and submit a written statement from the supplier that the proposed water supply system conforms with its design and construction standards, will not result in an undue burden on the source or distribution system, and will be installed in a manner adequate to provide needed domestic and fire protection flows.

- G. Sewage Disposal. The development will be provided with a method of disposing of sewage which is in compliance with the State Wastewater Disposal Rules and the Control of Development and Subdivision of Land Regulation.

1. All sanitary sewage from new or expanded uses shall be discharged into a public sewage collection and treatment system when such facilities are currently available or can reasonably be made available at the lot line and have adequate capacity to handle the projected waste generation.
2. If the public system cannot serve or be extended to serve a new or expanded use, the sewage shall be disposed of by an on-site sewage disposal system meeting the requirements of the State Wastewater Disposal Rules for Private Sewage Disposal.
3. When two or more lots or buildings in different ownership share the use of a common private subsurface disposal system, the system shall be owned and maintained in common by an owners' association. Covenants in the deeds for each lot shall require mandatory membership in the association and provide for adequate funding of the association to assure proper maintenance of the system.
4. Industrial or commercial wastewaters may be discharged to public sewers in such quantities and/or of such quality as to be compatible with sewage treatment operations. Such wastes may require pretreatment at the industrial or commercial site in order to render them amenable to public treatment processes. Pretreatment includes, but is not limited to, screening, grinding, sedimentation, pH adjustment, surface skimming, chemical oxidation and reduction and dilution.

- H. Utilities. The development will be provided with electrical, telephone, and telecommunication service adequate to meet the anticipated use of the project. New utility lines and facilities shall be screened from view to the extent feasible. If the service in the street or on adjoining lots is underground, the new service shall be placed underground.

- I. Water Quality Protection. All aspects of the project shall be designed so that:

1. No person shall locate, store, discharge, or permit the discharge of any treated, untreated, or inadequately treated liquid, gaseous, or solid materials of such nature, quantity, obnoxiousness, toxicity, or temperature that may run off, seep, percolate, or wash into surface or ground waters so as to contaminate, pollute, or harm such waters or cause nuisances, such as objectionable shore deposits, floating or submerged debris, oil or scum, color, odor, taste, or unsightliness or be harmful to human, animal, plant, or aquatic life.
2. All storage facilities for fuel, chemicals, chemical or industrial wastes, and biodegradable raw materials, shall meet the standards of the State Department of Environmental Quality and the Fire Marshall's Office.

J. Wastes.

1. The handling, storage, and use of all materials identified by the standards of a federal or state agency as hazardous, special or radioactive shall be done in accordance with the standards of these agencies.
2. Any waste produced which is classified as a hazardous, special or radioactive waste by either federal or state standards shall be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility appropriate for the type of waste and done in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.
3. No flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gases shall be stored in bulk above or under ground unless they meet the standards outlined in the I-3 Industrial district of this zoning regulation.
4. The proposed development will also provide for adequate disposal of solid wastes. All solid waste will be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility having adequate capacity to accept the project's wastes.

K. Shore land Relationship. The development will not adversely affect the water quality or shoreline of any adjacent water body. The development plan will provide for access to abutting navigable water bodies for the use of the occupants of the development if appropriate.

L. Technical and Financial Capacity. The applicant has demonstrated the financial and technical capacity to carry out the project in a timely fashion in accordance with this ordinance and the approved plan.

M. Exterior Lighting.

1. The proposed development shall provide for adequate exterior lighting to provide for the safe use of the development in nighttime hours, if such use is contemplated, without excessive illumination.
2. Lighting may be used which serves security, safety and operational needs but which does not directly or indirectly produce deleterious effects on abutting

properties or which would impair the vision of a vehicle operator on adjacent roadways. Lighting fixtures shall be shielded or hooded so that the lighting elements are not exposed to normal view by motorists, pedestrians, or from adjacent dwellings and so that they do not unnecessarily light the night sky. Direct or indirect illumination shall not exceed 0.5 foot candles at the lot line or upon abutting residential properties.

3. All exterior lighting, except security lighting, shall be turned off between 11P.M. and 6 A.M. unless located on the site of a commercial or industrial use which is open for business during that period.

N. Landscaping and Buffering.

1. The landscape will be preserved in its natural state insofar as practical by minimizing tree removal, disturbance and compaction of soil, and by retaining existing vegetation insofar as practical during construction in accord with the Screening Ordinance of the City. Areas of vegetation to be retained shall be designated on the development plan.
2. The development plan will provide for landscaping that defines street edges, breaks up parking areas, softens the appearance of the development and protects abutting properties from any adverse impacts of the development.
3. The development shall also provide for the buffering of adjacent uses where there is a transition from one type of use to another use and for screening of service and storage areas.
4. Required parking and loading spaces for nonresidential uses where not enclosed within a building, shall be effectively screened from view by a continuous landscaped area not less than 8 feet in width containing evergreen shrubs, trees, fences, walls, berms, or any combination thereof forming a visual barrier not less than 6 feet in height along exterior lot lines adjoining all residential properties, except that driveways shall be kept open to provide visibility for vehicles entering and leaving. This requirement may be reduced or waived when it is determined that such buffering is not necessary or desirable.

O. Storage of Material.

1. All dumpsters or similar large collection receptacles for trash or other wastes shall be located on level surfaces which are paved or graveled. Dumpsters or receptacles located in a yard which abuts a residential or institutional use or a public street shall be screened by fencing or landscaping.
2. All sites potentially hazardous to children shall require physical screening sufficient to deter small children from entering the premises. This screening shall be maintained in good condition.

Section 18.5 – Amendments

Any alteration to a site which is inconsistent with the approved development plan shall require an amendment to the plan. Planning Commission approval must be obtained prior to the alteration. Minor changes to an approved site plan may be placed on the Planning Commission Agenda at the discretion of the Planning Director. Minor changes shall not include (1) a change to a public or private right-of-way or easement, (2) a decrease in proposed buffering or landscaping, or (3) any issue involving a condition placed on the site plan approval.

Section 18.6 Appeals of City Actions

Appeal of an action taken by the City Council regarding site plan review shall be to a Court of Record having jurisdiction.

ARTICLE NINETEEN BOARDS

Section 19.1 – Board of Adjustment

There shall be and hereby is created a Board of Zoning Adjustment (hereinafter called the “Board”) consisting of 5 members. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for a term of 3 years and may be removed only for cause upon written charges and after public hearing. Any vacancy which occurs in the Board shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for the unexpired term of any member whose term became vacant. No member of the board shall be on the staff of the City.

A. Powers of the Board.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment shall have the power to consider appeals and variances of the enforcement and application of the Zoning Ordinance. Variances include, but are not limited to building setbacks, height and accessory structures.

1. Hearings. Hear appeals from the decision of the administrative officers in respect to the enforcement and application of said zoning regulation; and may affirm or reverse, in whole or part, said decision of the administrative officer.
2. Variances. To authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance and the flood ordinance. Conditions fixed by the Board will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to exceptional and extraordinary circumstances, literal enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship; provided, however, that no variance shall be authorized unless the board shall find that the following conditions exist:
 - a. That the variance will not authorize the operation of a use other than those uses specifically permitted uses for the district in which the property for which the variance is sought;
 - b. That the development or use of the property for which the variance is sought, if limited by a literal enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, cannot yield a reasonable return in service, use or income as compared to adjacent conforming property in the same district;
 - c. That the plight of the owner of the property for which the variance is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, that the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not due to or the result of general conditions in the district in which the property is located;

- d. That the variance will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent conforming property in the same district;
 - e. That the variance will not alter the essential character of the district in which, the property for which the variance is sought, is located;
 - f. That the variance will not weaken the general purposes of this ordinance or the regulations herein established for the specific district;
 - g. That the variance will be in harmony with the spirit and purpose of this ordinance;
 - h. That the variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or general welfare.
3. Oaths and Attendance of Witnesses. For the purpose of exercising the powers herein enumerated, the Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman. The chairman, or, in his absence, the vice-chairman, shall administer oaths to or accept affirmations from witnesses and may compel the attendance of witnesses. A failure or a refusal to appear in response to a subpoena issued by the Board shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
4. Limitations of Powers of Board. The concurring vote of 3 members of the Board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirements, decision or determination of any administrative official or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which the board is required to pass under this ordinance or to effect any variation in this ordinance.
- a. Finding of Fact. Every decision of the Board shall be based upon findings of fact and every finding of fact shall be supported in the record of its proceedings. The enumerated conditions required to exist on any matter upon which the board is required to pass under this ordinance or to effect any variation in this ordinance shall be construed as limitations on the power of the Board to act. A mere finding or recitation of the enumerated conditions unaccompanied by findings of specific facts shall not be deemed findings of fact and shall not be deemed compliant with this ordinance.
 - b. Powers strictly construed. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to empower the Board to change the terms of this ordinance, to effect changes in the official map or to add to the specific uses permitted in any district. The powers of the Board shall be so construed that this ordinance and the official map are strictly enforced.
- B. Proceedings. The Board shall adopt rules governing all proceedings before it. Such rules shall provide and require that:
- 1. Public notice shall be given of all hearings and all hearings shall be open to the public;

2. Due notice of all hearings shall be given to parties in interest, in writing;
3. At any public hearing any interested party may appear in person, by agent, or attorney, to offer evidence and testimony;
4. All witnesses shall be sworn or shall affirm their testimony in the manner required in courts of record;
5. All evidence and testimony shall be presented publicly. The Board may take judicial notice of facts to the same extent and manner as courts of record and may consider any relevant facts within the personal knowledge of any member. For each case or matter heard, the Board shall cause a record of its proceedings to be prepared. The record of proceedings shall include all documents and physical evidence considered in the case together with a transcribed record of all public proceedings. The transcribed record shall include, but need not be limited to, the verbatim testimony offered by all witnesses in the case and all personal knowledge of members of the Board considered by the Board in reaching its decision. The deliberations of the Board shall show the grounds for each decision and the vote of each member upon each question. The record of proceedings shall be filed immediately in the office of the Board and shall be a public record.

C. Appeals Process.

1. Any person, taxpayer, the municipality or any officer or department of the municipality may have a decision of the Board reviewed in the manner provided by rules relating to civil proceedings. No such review shall be granted unless a petition therefore, duly verified, setting forth that such decision is illegal, in whole or part, and specifying the grounds of the illegality, is presented to a court of record within 30 days after the filing of the decision in the office of the Board. The Board shall not be required to return the original papers acted upon by it, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies thereof or such portions thereof as may be called for. The return shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to the decision appealed from and shall be verified. The issuance of a writ on a petition hereunder shall not stay proceedings upon the decision appealed from but the court, on application after notice to the Board and on due cause shown, may grant a restraining order.
2. Liability. Any commissioner, or employee, or member of the Board of Adjustment, charged with the enforcement of this Code, acting for the City in the discharge of his duties, shall not thereby render himself liable personally, and he is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his duties. The exception being a violation of due process of civil rights or gross negligence. Any suit brought against any Commissioner or employee, or member of the Board of Adjustment, because of such act performed by him in

the enforcement of any provision of this Code shall be defended by legal representative until the final termination of the proceedings.

D. Notice. Any property owner seeking a hearing with the Board shall adhere to the following:

1. Notice shall be given to property owners abutting the property where the variance is sought.
2. A public notice shall be placed in the newspaper.
3. Any property owner seeking a variance must place a sign designating the intent of a variance for the property.

Section 19.2 – Building and Housing Board of Adjustment

There shall be and hereby is created a Building and Housing Board of Adjustment (hereinafter called the “Sign Board”) consisting of 5 members. The members of the Sign Board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for a term of 3 years and may be removed only for cause upon written charges and after public hearing. Any vacancy which occurs in the Sign Board shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for the unexpired term of any member whose term became vacant. No member of the Sign Board shall be on the staff of the City.

A. Powers of the Sign Board. The Sign Board shall have the power to consider variances of the Sign Regulations, Fire Code, and the Building Code.

1. Hearings. Hear appeals from the decision of the administrative officers in respect to the enforcement and application of said zoning regulation; and may affirm or reverse, in whole or part, said decision of the administrative officer.
2. Variances. To authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance, Fire Code, Building Code and the Sign Regulations. Conditions fixed by the Board will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to exceptional and extraordinary circumstances, literal enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship; provided, however, that no variance shall be authorized unless the board shall find that the following conditions exist:
 - a. That the development or use of the property for which the variance is sought, if limited by a literal enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, cannot yield a reasonable return in service, use or income as compared to adjacent conforming property in the same district;
 - b. That the plight of the owner of the property for which the variance is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, that the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not due

to or the result of general conditions in the district in which the property is located;

- c. That the variance will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent conforming property in the same district;
 - d. That the variance will not alter the essential character of the district in which it is located the property for which the variance is sought;
 - e. That the variance will not weaken the general purposes of this of this ordinance or the regulations herein established for the specific district;
 - f. That the variance will be in harmony with the spirit and purpose of this ordinance;
 - g. That the variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or general welfare.
3. Oaths and Attendance of Witnesses. For the purpose of exercising the powers herein enumerated, the Sign Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman. The chairman, or, in his absence, the vice-chairman, shall administer oaths to or accept affirmations from witnesses and may compel the attendance of witnesses. A failure or a refusal to appear in response to a subpoena issues by the Board shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
4. Limitations of Powers of Sign Board. The concurring vote of 3 members of the Sign Board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirements, decision or determination of any administrative official or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which the Sign Board is required to pass under this ordinance or to effect any variation in this ordinance.
- a. Finding of Fact. Every decision of the Sign Board shall be based upon findings of fact and every finding of fact shall be supported in the record of its proceedings. The enumerated conditions required to exist on any matter upon which the Sign Board is required to pass under this ordinance or to effect any variation in this ordinance shall be construed as limitations on the power of the Sign Board to act. A mere finding or recitation of the enumerated conditions unaccompanied by findings of specific facts shall not be deemed findings of fact and shall not be deemed compliance with this ordinance.
 - b. Powers strictly construed. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to empower the Sign Board to change the terms of this ordinance, to effect changes in the official map or to add to the specific uses permitted in any district. The powers of the Sign Board shall be so construed that this ordinance and the official map are strictly enforced.

- B. Proceedings. The Sign Board shall adopt rules governing all proceedings before it. Such rules shall provide and require that:
1. An application or appeal filed according to stated procedures shall be given a case number within 3 days from the date filed, applications or appeals will be assigned for hearing in the order in which they are received.
 2. The Recording Secretary of the Sign Board shall notify the parties in interest of the time scheduled for the Public Hearing.
 3. At the time of the Public Hearing, the applicant may appear in his own behalf or be represented by counsel or by agent. The applicant shall be given an opportunity for a final rebuttal.
 4. Final Decision of any application or appeal to the Sign Board shall be in the form of a motion. The Chairman shall vote on all matters and approval, in all cases, shall require a quorum of the membership of the Sign Board.
 5. Within 30 days after the hearing, the Board shall notify the parties in interest of its decision.
 6. Public notice shall be given of all hearings and all hearings shall be open to the public.
 7. Due notice of all hearings shall be given to parties in interest, in.
 8. At any public hearing a representative or any other interested party may appear in person, by agent, or attorney, to offer evidence and testimony.
 9. All witnesses shall be sworn or shall affirm their testimony in the manner required in courts of record.
 10. All evidence and testimony shall be presented publicly. The Board may take judicial notice of facts to the same extent and manner as courts of record and may consider any relevant facts within the personal knowledge of any member. For each case or matter heard, the Board shall cause a record of its proceedings to be prepared. The record of proceedings shall include all documents and physical evidence considered in the case together with a transcribed record of all public proceedings. The transcribed record shall include, but need not be limited to, the verbatim testimony offered by all witnesses in the case and all personal knowledge of members of the Board considered by the Board in reaching its decision. The deliberations of the Board shall show the grounds for each decision and the vote of each member upon each question. The record of proceedings shall be filed immediately in the office of the Board and shall be a public record.

C. Appeals Process.

1. Any person, taxpayer, the municipality or any officer or department of the municipality may have a decision of the Sign Board reviewed in the manner provided by rules relating to civil proceedings. No such review shall be granted unless a petition therefore, duly verified, setting forth that such decision is illegal, in whole or part, and specifying the grounds of the illegality, is presented to a court of record within 30 days after the filing of the decision in the office of the Sign Board. The Sign Board shall not be required to return the original papers acted upon by it, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies thereof or such portions thereof as may be called for. The return shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to the decision appealed from and shall be verified. The issuance of a writ on a petition hereunder shall not stay proceedings upon the decision appealed from but the court, on application after notice to the Sign Board and on due cause shown, may grant a restraining order.
 2. Liability. Any commissioner, or employee, or member of the Sign Board of Adjustment, charged with the enforcement of this Code, acting for the City in the discharge of his duties, shall not thereby render himself liable personally, and he is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his duties. The exception being a violation of due process of civil rights or gross negligence. Any suit brought against any Commissioner or employee, or member of the Sign Board, because of such act performed by him in the enforcement of any provision of this Code shall be defended by legal representative until the final termination of the proceedings.
- D. Notice. Any property owner seeking a hearing with the Sign Board shall adhere to the following:
1. Notice shall be given to property owners abutting the property where the variance is sought.
 2. A public notice shall be placed in the newspaper.
 3. Any property owner seeking a variance must place a sign designating the intent of a variance for the property.

Section 19.3 – Residential Design Review Board

There shall be and hereby is created a Residential Design Review Board (hereinafter called the “Design Review Board”) consisting of 3 members. The members of the Design Review Board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for a term of 3 years and may be removed only for cause upon written charges and after public hearing. Any vacancy which occurs in the Design Review Board shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for the unexpired term of any member whose term became vacant. No member of the Design Review Board shall be on the staff of the City.

- A. Powers of the Design Review Board. Review specific cases related to architectural appearance and site development of new residential housing developments.
- B. Notice. Any property owner seeking a hearing with the Design Review Board shall adhere to the following:
 - 1. Notice shall be given to property owners abutting the property where the variance is sought.
 - 2. Any property owner seeking a variance must place a sign designating the intent of a variance for the property.

ARTICLE TWENTY ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 20.1 – Nonconforming Uses

- A. Use of Land. The lawful use of land existing at the time of the passage of this ordinance, although such use does not conform to the provisions hereof, may be continued, but if such nonconforming use is discontinued, abandoned and/or superseded by a permitted use for the total of 12 months, it shall not again be devoted to a nonconforming use, and any future use of said land shall be in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. Use of Building. The lawful use of a building existing at the time of the passage of this ordinance may be continued, although such use does not conform to the provisions hereof, and such use may be extended throughout the building provided no structural expansion, except those required by law, are made therein.
- C. Nonconforming a Structure. If a nonconforming structure is removed, the redevelopment of the resultant vacant land shall be used in conformance with its zoning district of location.
- D. Re-zoning. The provisions A, B and C above shall also apply when a district designation is changed.

Section 20.2 - Damage or Destruction

Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to prevent the restoration of a building destroyed to the extent of not more than 75 percent of its reasonable value, by fire, explosion or other casualty, or the public enemy, nor the continued occupancy or use of such building or part thereof which existed at the time of such partial destruction. The Planning Commission may waive the requirements of this section when in the opinion of a two-thirds majority of the Commission a hardship would be imposed by the literal provisions of this section.

Section 20.3– Conditions, Violations and Remedies

- A. Conditions.
 - 1. Limitations on all lands and structures. No land shall be used or occupied and no structure shall be designed, erected, altered, used or occupied except in conformity with all regulations herein established and upon performance of all conditions herein set forth.
 - 2. Limitations on sales and rentals of all land and structures. No person, firm or corporation and no officer or employee thereof (either as owner or as participating principal, agent, servant or employee of such owner) shall sell, rent or lease or offer or attempt to sell, rent or lease any land or structure upon the representation, falsely made, that such land or structure may be used or occupied in a manner or for a use prohibited by this ordinance.

3. Limitations on municipal agencies. No permit, certificate, license or other document or other document or oral approval, the use of which may be subject to the provisions of this ordinance, shall be issued by any department, agency or board of the municipality until the Planning Commission shall have certified that the use to be made of the permit, certificate, license, other document or oral approval is in full compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.
4. Zoning certificate required for new use. No new business or use shall be authorized without first having been issued a zoning certificate approved and issued by the Community Planning Department.
5. Permit to use or occupy structures. No new structure shall be used or initially occupied until an occupancy permit for such use and occupancy shall have been approved for issuance by the Community Planning Department.
6. Zoning Certificate for change of use. Neither the use of or the uses upon any land nor the use of or the uses within any structure shall be changed until a zoning certificate for such change of use shall have been approved for issuance by the Community Planning Department.
7. Plot Plans. All applications for building and zoning permits shall be accompanied by a plot plan in duplicate, showing the lot plan; the location of the building or buildings on the lot; accurate dimensions of buildings and lot and such other information as may be necessary to provide for the enforcement of these regulations. The plot plan and original copy of such applications shall be kept in the Department of Planning and the duplicate copy of such application shall be kept at the building site at all times during construction.
8. Foundation Certificate. No framing or wall construction of any structure shall be commenced until the location of the foundations and footings as complying with this ordinance. A field inspection shall be made by the Building Inspector or his duly appointed agent, if not so inspected within 24 hours after notification of the foundation or footing being approved as located.

B. Violations.

1. Failure to Comply. Wherever by the provisions of this ordinance the performance of any act is prohibited or wherever any regulation, dimension or limitations imposed on the use or change of use of or upon any land or on the erection or alteration of any structure or the use or change of use of such structure or the uses within such structure, a failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
2. Fine for Violations. Any person, firm or corporation, who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuse to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$500 and \$250 per

day that the violation continues. Where the violation is of a continuing nature, every day on which the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

C. Remedies.

1. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties provided by ordinance.
2. Additional Remedies. In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained or any building, structure or land is used in violation of this ordinance, the municipality or any proper person may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance or use, to restrain, correct or abate such violation, to prevent the occupancy of said building, structure or land or to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business or use in or about such premises. The imposition of any penalty hereunder shall not preclude the municipality or any proper person from instituting any appropriate action or proceedings to require compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and with administrative orders and determinations made hereunder.

Section 20.4 Pending Actions and Proceedings

All actions and proceedings pending in any court of record on the effective date of this ordinance shall be treated until the conclusion of such actions and proceedings as though all prior applicable zoning ordinances and amendments thereto were in full force and effect. All other actions and proceedings, of every kind and nature and whether judicial or administrative pending on the effective date of this ordinance shall be governed by the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 20.5 - Offenses and Liabilities Preserved

All offenses committed and all liabilities incurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be treated as though all prior applicable zoning ordinances and amendments thereto were in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any proper suit, action or prosecution with respect to such offenses and liabilities.

Section 20.6 Effect of Other Ordinances and Regulations

Wherever higher or more restrictive standards are established by the provisions of any other applicable statute, ordinance or regulation than are established by the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of such other statute, ordinance or regulation shall govern; in other words, the most restrictive standards shall apply.

Section 20.7 Effect of Private Covenants

Wherever higher or more restrictive standards are established by the provisions of private covenants than are established by the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions of such covenants shall govern.

Section 20.8 District Regulations to be Uniform –Exception

The regulations herein established shall apply uniformly to all geographical areas having the same district classification and bearing the same symbol or designation on the official map; provided, however, that if a district boundary line established by this ordinance, or by an amendment hereto, divides an area of land thereafter designated as a single lot pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and if entire area of land included within the designated lot was held in one ownership of record on the date the district boundary line was established, then and in that event:

- A. Each parcel of land of the area so divided may be used in conformity with and subject to the regulations herein established for the district in which each such parcel of land is located, or
- B. If the area is divided into 2 equal parcels of land, the entire area may be used in conformity with and subject to the regulations herein established for the district in which either of such parcels of land is located; provided, however,
- C. That no parcel of land containing more than 6,250 square feet shall be used in any manner except in conformity with and subject to the regulations herein established for the district in which each parcel of land is located.

Section 20.9 Locating District Boundaries

If for any reason the location or any district boundary line is not readily determined from the official map, the location of the district boundary line shall be fixed by the Planning Commission in accordance with the following provisions. Where more than one of the following enumerated applicable provisions shall prevail over all other provisions:

- A. Where a district boundary line is located with reference to a fixture or monument, the location of such fixture or monument shall control.
- B. Where a district boundary line is given a position within a street or alley right-of-way or channelized waterway, the district boundary line shall be deemed to be in the center of such street or alley right-of-way or channelized waterway.
- C. Where a district boundary line is shown as approximately following platted lot lines, the district boundary line shall be deemed to coincide with such platted lot lines.
- D. Where a district boundary line is shown by a specific dimension, such specific dimension shall control.

- E. Where a district boundary line extends in the direction of the length of a block, the district boundary line shall be deemed to coincide with the center line of such block.
- F. Where a district boundary line divides a platted lot or crosses unsubdivided property, the location of the district boundary line shall be fixed from the scale of the official map.

Section 20.10 Statute of limitations for Municipality Only

All actions by the municipality to restrain, correct or abate the unlawful location, gross floor area of or in a structure and alleged to result from the unlawful issuance of a permit to erect or alter such structure, shall be brought within 3 years after the issuance of the particular permit alleged to have been unlawfully issued and not after that period.

Section 20.11 Administration Staff

The Community Planning Department serves as Staff to the Commission for the administration of this ordinance (hereinafter call the staff). The Planning Director, the Administrator, shall be the officer in full charge of the staff. He shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Mayor.

- A. Administration. There is hereby vested in the staff the duty of administering this ordinance and the power necessary for such administration, incidental to which duty and power the staff shall:
 - 1. Intervene, for and on behalf of the municipality, in all public hearings before the Board of Adjustment, present facts and information to assist the board in reaching a decision, resist and oppose any deviations from the standard provisions of this ordinance and have decisions of the Board reviewed in a court of proper jurisdiction when, in the judgment of the administrator and with the approval of the Commission, such review is desirable.
 - 2. Propose and recommend to the Commission the enactment of amendments to this ordinance for the purpose of improving administration and enforcement of this ordinance.
 - 3. Propose and recommend to the Commission the enactment of amendments to the official map as made desirable or necessary by judicial or administrative proceedings or as deemed desirable or necessary because of changed or changing conditions. All amendments proposed hereunder shall be subject to the limitations and procedure hereinafter set forth under amendment procedure.
 - 4. The Planning Director or his designated staff member shall review all applications for zoning certificates and shall upon compliance to this ordinance approve and issue said zoning certificates. Also, Special plans shall be reviewed and submitted to the commission for approval or disapproval; upon the approval, the appropriate certificates shall be issued.

5. Receive all applications for amendments to this ordinance and to the official map, refer such applications to the proper agencies for examination and submit to the Commission all such applications together with recommendations of the examining agencies and any recommendations by the staff deemed desirable or necessary.
 6. Administer rules and regulations established by the Commission for proceedings with regular forms for such proceedings, and a schedule of fees established by ordinance for processing amendments, issuing permits and certificates.
 7. Maintain a map or maps showing the current zoning classification of all land in the municipality and the location, type and identity of all non-conforming uses.
 8. Record with the City Clerk and County Recorder all matters and things required by the ordinance to be recorded by the Commission.
 9. Maintain written records of all actions taken by the Commission under this ordinance.
- B. Enforcement. There is hereby vested in the Commission the duty of enforcing this ordinance and the power necessary for such enforcement, incidental to which duty and power the Commission shall;
1. Conduct investigations and surveys to determine compliance or non-compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. The right to entry and inspection to enforce this ordinance may be enforced by application to and proper orders from a court of proper jurisdiction.
 2. Make written orders requiring compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. Such orders shall be served personally or by registered mail upon the person, firm or corporation deemed by the Commission to be violating the provisions of the ordinance; provided, however, that if such person, firm or corporation is not the owner of the land on or the structure in which the violation is deemed to exist or have occurred, a copy of the order shall be sent by registered mail to the owner of such land or structure, the owner to be determined from the county tax roll. The date of mailing shall be deemed the date of service of any order served by registered mail.
 3. Through the attorney to institute, in courts of proper jurisdiction, proceedings for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and administrative orders and determinations made hereunder.
- C. Appeals for the Commission.
1. Procedure. Any person, City officer, or City department of the municipality may appeal to the Board of Adjustment from any order or decision of the Commission. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Community Planning Department to the Board of Adjustment, within the time provided by the rules of

the Board, a notice of appeal specifying the particular grounds upon which the appeal is taken. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, the Commission shall transmit to the Board of Adjustment all the original documents and materials, or true copies thereof, constituting the record upon which the order or decision appealed from was based.

2. Effect of Appeal. An appeal from the Commission to the Board of Adjustment shall stay all proceedings unless the administrator certifies that, by reason of the facts stated in the certificate, a stay in his opinion would cause immanent peril to life or property. When such a certificate is filed, proceedings shall not be stayed except by a restraining order granted from the court of proper jurisdiction, after due notice to the commission by the Board of Adjustment.

Section 20.12 Amendments to Ordinance and Map

The regulations, conditions, restriction, and boundaries provided for in this ordinance may from time to time be amended or repealed through the following procedure:

- A. A proposal to amend this ordinance, or any part thereof, may be submitted by any owner or owners of land within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of North Little Rock, provided, that no proposal shall be considered by the Commission within 5 days from the filing of the proposal with the North Little Rock Planning Department. The “proposal” application shall follow the Development Plan Process. The information provided in the development plan shall be sufficient to conform to the proposal. The Planning Director will inform the applicant about the sufficiency of information to be provided. See Section 20.2 for the steps in the procedure to amend this ordinance.
- B. The Planning Director shall present the proposal to the Commission, together with his recommendations on it.
- C. The Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposal. Due notice of the proposal shall be published in a local newspaper as required by law. Such public hearing may be recessed from time to time or from place to place without further published notice if such time and place for reconvening is announced at the time of recess. If the Commission does not approve or disapprove the proposal within 45 days of the date when submitted to the Commission, the petitioner may take it to the Council without recommendation from the Commission.
- D. Upon the making of an affirmative report by the Commission to the Council, or upon the presentation of a proposal which has not been acted on by the Commission with the 45 days specified above the Council shall take such lawful action in accord with statutory procedure.
- E. All amendments to the ordinance and the zoning map shall be listed in the order adopted in a separate register and on the zoning map kept current by the Planning Department.

- F. When an application for an amendment to the ordinance for a specific parcel or parcels has been denied, reapplication shall not be made for a period of one year from the date of the original application.

Section 20.13 Annexed Territories

Territory which may hereafter be annexed to the City of North Little Rock shall be classified residential, R-1, or conservation, as determined by the Commission immediately upon final acceptance of the territory by the City, and until such time as a zoning plan of the area is prepared and adopted. The Commission shall prepare such zoning plans within a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of acceptance of the annexed area by the City. If the Commission does not prepare or have prepared such zoning plans within 90 days from the date of annexation, the owner or owners of land annexed shall have prepared a zoning plan, and it shall be deemed to be the proper and correct zoning of the property upon its filing with the Commission.

Section 20.14 Severability of Ordinance

If for any reason an one or more sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this ordinance are held invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this ordinance, but shall be confined in its operation to the specific sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this ordinance held invalid and the invalidity of any section, sentence, clause or part of this ordinance in any one or more instances shall not affect or prejudice in any way the validity of this ordinance in any other instance.

ARTICLE TWENTY ONE - TABLE OF PERMITTED USES

Permitted Uses	R-0	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	RT1	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	C-6	I-1	I-2	I-3	O-1	Con	GW	OD
Acid Manufacturing																	C				
Adult Daycare	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Adult Entertainment, Nightclub																X	X				
Ag. Implements Repair, Service, Sales												C	C		X	X	X				•
Agriculture (farming)									C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		X	X	
Air Express Service (drop-off center)										C	C	X	X	C	X	X	X	X			
Airplane Manufacturing																	X				•
Airplane Repair, Storage, Sales												C	C		X	X	X	C			•
Airports																C	C	X	C		
Ambulance Sub-Station (w/ residence)	C		C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X				
Ammonia Manufacturing																	C				
Ammunition Manufacturing																	C				
Amphitheaters												X	X					X	C		
Amusement Parks													C	C		X	X	X	C		•
Animal Boarding																X	X	X	C		
Animal Hospitals												X	X	C		X	X	X			
Apiary																		X	X		•
Appliance Stores										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Appraiser									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Aquarium											X	X	X	X				X			
Armored Car Service Garage												X	X		X	X	X				
Armory, Arsenal																	C	C			•
Army and Navy Surplus Sales											X	X	X		C						
Art Gallery										X	X	X	X	X				X			
Art Materials and Supplies Sales										X	X	X	X	X	C						
Art Studio									C	X	X	X	X	X	C						
Artificial Limbs, Sales, Service										C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Asphalt Processing, Product Manufacturing																	C				•
Associations, Clubs, Lodges											X	X	X	X	X			X			
Athletic Clubs												X	X	X	X			X			

Permitted Uses	R-0	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	RT1	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	C-6	I-1	I-2	I-3	O-1	Con	GW	OD
Athletic Fields, Public and Private	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X	X	X		
Auction House												X	X	C	X	X	X				
Audio Equipment, Sales, Service											X	X	X	C	C						
Auditorium											X	X	X	X				X			
Automobile Accessories Installation											C	X	X		X	X					
Automobile Car Wash (up to 6 bays)										C	X	X	X	C	X	X	X				
Automobile Detailing										C	C	C	C		X	X					●
Automobile Manufacturing																C	X				
Automobile Outdoor Sales Lot												C	C		C	X	X				●
Automobile Parts and Supplies, Indoor											X	X	X		X	X					
Automobile Repair, Major												X	C		X	X	X				
Automobile Repair, Minor										C	C	X	X		X	X	X				
Automobile Service Stations w/pumps										X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X				
Automobile Storage - Outdoor (not salvage)															C	X	X				●
Automobile Storage - Indoor (not salvage)												C	C		X	X	X				
Awning Fabrication												X	X		X	X	X				
Bakers and Baked Goods, Mfg.												C	C		X	X	X				
Bakery Shop, Outlet Sales										X	X	X	X	X	X						
Ball Field, Complex	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Banks									C	X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X				
Barber Shop									X	X	X	X	X	X	C						
Battery, Generators, Brakes, Service										C	C	X	X		X	X	X				
Beauty Shop									X	X	X	X	X	X	C						
Beverages, Bottling, Manufacturing																X	X				
Bicycle Sales and Repair										X	X	X	X	X							
Billiard or Pool Hall											X	X	X	X							
Blue Printing & Supplies											X	X	X	C	C						
Boat Motors, Accessories Sales										C	X	X	X		C						
Boat Storage, Dry Land, Enclosed												X	X		X	X					
Body Piercing											C	C			X	X	X				
Bonding Company (Bail Bondsman)									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Book Publishing, Printing													C			X	X				

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Book Store										X	X	X	X	C							
Bookbinding and Mending												X	X		C	X					
Botanical Gardens (Conservatory)									C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C		
Bowling Alley											X	X	X	X	C						
Broadcasting Station												C	X		X	X	X		X		•
Broadcasting Studio											X	X	X	X							
Broom and Brushes Manufacturing															X	X	X				
Bus Depots												X	X	C							
Business Machines, Repair, Sales										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Butcher Shop										X	X	X	X								
Cabinet Makers, Manufacturing												C			X	X	X				
Cafes										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Cafeteria										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Camera and Equipment Shop										X	X	X	X	X							
Campgrounds											C	C			X	X	X	C	C		•
Candy Mfg., Wholesale, Distribution											C	X	X		X	X					
Carnival, Temporary											X		X		C	C	C	X			•
Carpet Storage, Sales, Warehouse											C	X	X		X	X	X				
Caskets Sales											C	X	X		C						
Caterers											X	X	X	X	C						
Cellular Towers													X		X	X	X		X		•
Cemeteries																		X			•
Charcoal Manufacturing																	X				
Check Cashers									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Chemicals and Drugs, Distribution															X	X	X				
Chemicals and Drugs, Mfg																	C				
Chiropractors									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Churches and/or Places of Worship	X	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Cleaning Compounds, Mfg., Storage																	X				
Cleaning Service										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Clinics, (Medical, Dental, or Optical)									X	X	X	X	X	X	C						
Clothing and Accessories Store										X	X	X	X								

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Clothing Mfg., Wholesale, Distribution																X	X				
Clubs, Private, Social or Fraternal											X	X	X	X	X			X			
Coin Machines Rental and Service												X	X		X						
Coin Machines, Manufacturing																X	X				
College				X	X	X					X	X	X					X			
Community Centers				X	X	X	X			C	C	C	C	C				X			
Concrete, Batch Plant																	X				•
Concrete, Industrial Production, Sales																	X				•
Concrete, Ornamental Products Sales												C			C	X	X				•
Container (Paper) Mfg., Cartons, Bags															X	X	X				
Contractors Office										C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Contractors Office w/ Outdoor Storage												C			X	X	X				•
Convenience Store (No Fuel Pumps)										C	X	X	X	C							
Copy & Printing Shops										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Cosmetics Manufacturing															X	X	X				
Costumes, Rental										X	X	X	X	X							
Country Clubs			C	C														X	C		
Crematorium																	C				
Crop Dusting, Equipment Yard																X	X				•
Dairies, Products, Mfg., Distribution															X	X	X				
Dance Hall											X	X	X	X							
Daycares											C	C									
Delicatessens										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Delivery Service										X	X	X	X	C	C	X	X	X			
Delivery Service, garage												C	C		X	X	X				
Dental Laboratories										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Dental Supplies										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Dentist's Offices									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Department Stores										X	X	X	X	X							
Detective Agency									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Diesel Engines Manufacturing																C	X				
Diesel Engines, Service, Supply, Sales												X			X	X	X				

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Dinner Theatre											X	X	X								
Disposal Plant (Sewer)																	X	X	X		
Distillers, Distribution, Warehouse															X	X	X				
Dock Private Shipping Company															X	X	X		C		
Dock, Public																		X	X		
Doctor's Offices									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Dog Pound																X	X	X	X		●
Dormitory Buildings				C	X	X					C	X	X					X			
Drilling Company Equipment Yards															X	X					●
Drive-In Theaters												X						X	X		
Dry Cleaning										X	X	X	X	X	X						
Dry Goods Wholesale or Storage												X	X		X	X	X				
Dyeing, Commercial												C	C		X	X	X				
Electric Equipment, Mfg., Assembly															X	X	X				
Electroplating																X	X				
Elevators Manufacturing																X	X				
Embalming Establishment												X	X		X	X	X				
Employment Agencies									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Enameling and Painting Production																X	X				
Engravers										X	X	X	X		X	X					
Equipment Sales, Rental, Indoor											C	X	X		X						
Equipment Sales, Rental, Outdoor												C			X	X					●
Explosives, Mfg., Storage, Distribution																	C				
Exterminator, Contract Service, Sales												X	X		X	X	X				
Exterminator, Insecticide Mfg.																	X				
Extrusions, Metal, Manufacturing																	X				
Fabrics, Weaving, Spinning												X				X	X				
Fairgrounds																		C	C		
Farm Lands, Crop and Ranching															X	X	X		X		
Farmers Market, Indoor										X	X	X	X	X	X						
Farmers Market, Outdoor												C	C	C	X						●
Feed Mfg, Processing, Distribution															C	X	X				

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Feed, Wholesale and Storage															C	X	X				
Fences Metal Fabrication																X	X				
Fences, Metal, Wholesale and Storage															X	X	X				
Fertilizer Manufacturing																	X				
Fertilizer, Storage																C	X		C		
Fire Proofing Manufacturing																	X				
Fire Stations				C	X	X	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C			
Fireworks Manufacturing																	C				
Fish Hatchery																			X		
Flea Market (outdoors)												C			C						•
Floor Materials and Installation										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Floor Materials Manufacturing																	X				
Florist									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Food Processing, Storage												C	C		X	X	X				
Food Products Distributors												X	X		X						
Freight Depot												C	C		X	X	X				
Fuel Bulk Storage															C	X	X				
Funeral Parlors, Homes											X	X	X								
Fur Dyeing												C	C		X	X	X				
Fur Tanning																	X				
Furnaces, Display & Sales										C	X	X	X	C	C						
Furniture, Fabrication, Repair, Cleaners										C	X	X	X	C	X	X	X				
Furniture, Wholesale and Storage												X	X		X	X					
Garage Door Sales												X	X		X						
Garden Supplies										X	X	X	X	C	X						
Garment Factory																X	X				
Gas Appliance, Kitchen, Patio, Sales										X	X	X	X	C	X						•
Gas Companies' Offices											X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Gas Wells (Natural)																		C	C		
Gas, Bottled, Manufacturing															C	X	X				
Gift Novelties Shop										X	X	X	X	X							
Glass Blowing, Custom												C	C		X	X	X				

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Glass Manufacturing																	X				
Golf (Miniature)										X	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Golf Course			X	X	X	X					X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
Golf Driving Range											X							X	X		
Government Buildings	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	C	
Governmental Offices			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C		
Gravel Pits																			X		
Grocers Retail									C	X	X	X	X	X							
Gun Shop, Sales, Repair										X	X	X	X	X							
Gunpowder Manufacturing																	C				
Gymnasiums										X	X	X	X	X							
Hair Products, Manufacturing																	C				
Halfway House (special use only)																					
Halls											X	X	X	X	X			X			
Hardware Store										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Hay and Straw, Sales Storage															X						
Health and Medical Related Offices									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Health Center (Medical)					X	X				X	X	X	X	X							
Heating, Cooling, Ventilating Sales										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Heliport										X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X	X	X		
Hobby Shop Supplies, Sales										X	X	X	X	X							
Home Accessories										X	X	X	X	X							
Home Appliances, Sales, Repair										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Home Furnishings and Accessory Store										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Homeless Shelter (special use only)																					
Honey, Processing											X	X	X		X	X	X				
Hospitals					X					X	X	X	X	X				X			
Hotels											X	X	X	C	X						
House Movers															C	X	X				
Ice Cream, Confections, Shop										X	X	X	X	X							
Ice Cream, Mfg. and Distribution												C	C		C	X	X				
Ice Vending Trailer, Self Serve										C	C	C	C		C	C	C				

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Incinerator																	X				
Infirmary					X					X	X	X	X	X				X			
Insecticides, Storage and Distribution															X	X	X				
Insulation Contractor, Equipment Yards															C	X	X				•
Insulation Materials Storage, Wholesale															X	X	X				
Interior Decorators										X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Irrigation Companies and Equipment															C	X	X				•
Janitorial, Service, Supplies, Sales											C	X	X	C	X	X	X				
Junk, Salvage, Wrecking Yard (not permitted)																					
Kennels																X	X		X		
Laboratories, Clinical									C	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Laundries										X	X	X	X	X							
Lawn Implements, Repair, Sales											C	X	X	C	C						•
Leather Goods, Sales, Handicraft										X	X	X	X	X							
Libraries				X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Liquor Distilleries																	X				
Liquor Storage and Wholesale												C	C		X						
Liquor Stores and Packaging												X	X								
Livestock Sales and Shipping												C	C		X	X					
Livestock, Slaughter																	X				
Locksmith Repair Shops										X	X	X	X	X	C						
Lodges											X	X	X	X	X			X			
Lumber, Storage Yard												C			X	X	X				•
Machine Shops, Tool Mfg., Storage												C			C	X	X				
Manufactured/Modular Home Sales/Display												C	C		X	X	X				•
Marble, Stone Processing																	X				
Marina												C		C		C	C	C	C		
Massage Establishment										X	X	X	X	X							
Mattress, Manufacturing																X	X				
Mausoleums																		X			
Meat Packers																C	X				
Meat, Wholesale Market											C	X	X		X	X	X				

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Messenger Service										X	X	X	X	X							
Metal Plating																	X				
Metal Polish, Manufacturing																	X				
Metals, Bulk Processing, Casting																	X				
Metals, Rolling Mill																	X				
Milling Equipment, Showrooms, Sales												X	X		X						
Mills, Flour and Grain																X	X				
Millwork Sales and Storage															X	X	X				•
Mineral Water Distillation and Bottling												C	C		X	X	X				
Mining																	C	C			
Mirrors, Mfg., Re-silvering, Storage												C	C				X				
Monuments Sales and Display											X	X	X								•
Mortuary											X	X	X								
Motels											X	X	X	C	X						
Motor Freight, Garages, Warehouse															X	X	X				
Motor Homes, Sales, Repair												X	X		X						•
Motorcycles, Equip., Repair, Sales, Indoor												X	X		X	X					
Motorcycles, Equip., Repair, Sales, Outdoor												C	C		X	X					•
Muffler Shops												X	X		X	X	X				
Museums										X	X	X	X	X				X			
Music Instruments Store										X	X	X	X	X							
News Stands										X	X	X	X	X							
Newspaper Printing												C	C			X					
Non-Toxic Insecticide, Manufacturing															X	X	X				
Nurseries, Landscape Sales										X	X	X	X	C	X			X	X		•
Nursing Homes					X	X															
Nuts, Packaging, Distributing, Sales										C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X				
Office Equipment Store										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Office Furniture, Mfg., Storage															X	X	X				
Office, General									X	X	X	X	X	X	C	C	C				
Oil Fuel Storage																C	X				
Oil Refinery																	X				

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Oil, Vegetable, Processing																C	X				
Optometrist									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Ore Dumps																	C				
Ore Reduction																	C				
Ornamental Metal Works, Production																X	X				
Oxygen Equip., Rental, Distribution												C	C		X	X					
Oxygen Production and Storage															X	X	X				
Paint and Equipment, Supplies, Sales											X	X	X	C	C						
Paper Manufacturing																	X				
Paper Products, Wholesale and Storage												C	C		X	X					
Parking Decks											X	X	X	X							
Parking Lots	C		C	C	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X	X			•
Parks	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X	•
Parks Amusement															X	X		C	C		•
Paving Contractor, Equipment Yards															C	X	X				•
Pawn Shops (no outside display)											C	X	X								
Pet Shop										X	X	X	X	X							
Pharmaceutical Products Mfg.																	X				
Pharmacy										X	X	X	X	C							
Photo Shops										X	X	X	X	C							
Photographers, Commercial Studios										X	X	X	X	X							
Picture Framing, Prints, Glass, Sales										X	X	X	X	X							
Pipe Manufacturing Storage																X	X				•
Plastic and Plastic Products Mfg.															X	X	X				
Plating Works																C	X				
Playgrounds	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		•
Plumbing Fixtures, Supplies Sales												X	X		C						
Police Station				C	X	X	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C			
Post Office				C	X	X	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C			
Poultry Farm, Egg, Broiler, Hatchery																			C		
Poultry Slaughter and Dressing																X	X				
Printers' Equipment and Supplies															X	X					

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Public Buildings	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	C	
Public Utility Plant																X	X	X			
Pump Stations, Utility Sub-Station	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Quarries																	C		C		
Race Track																		C			
Radio, TV, Computer Sales & Repair										X	X	X	X	X	C						
Railroads, Service and Repair Yards																X	X				
Recreational Vehicle Park											C	C			X	X	X	C	C		•
Recreational, Marine Vehicles, Sales												C	C		X						•
Rental, Automobile												C	C	C	X	X	X	C			•
Rental, Contractor Equipment												C			X	X	X				•
Rental, Trucks, Moving Vans												C	C		X	X	X				•
Repair Shop, Appliance										X	X	X	X		X						
Residential - Above Commercial														X							
Residential - Apartments					X	X								X							
Residential - Boarding Houses					C	C															
Residential - Condominiums					X	X								X							
Residential - Duplex				X	X																
Residential - Quadplex					X	X															
Residential - SF (Manufactured)							X	X													
Residential - SF (Modular)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C													
Residential - SF (Single Family)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Residential - SF (Zero Lot Line)	X													C							
Residential - Triplex					X	X															
Restaurants										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Restaurants, Drive-In/Thru										X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X				
Retail, Large (+50,000 sq ft)											X	X	X	C	C						
Retail, Large (+50,000 sq ft) w/outdoor display											C	C	C	C	C						•
Retail, Med. (5,000 - 50,000 sq ft)										C	X	X	X	C	C						•
Retail, Med. (5,000 - 50,000 sq ft) w/outdoor display											C	C	C	C	C						•
Retail, Small (<5,000 sq ft)										X	X	X	X	X	C						
Retail, Small (<5,000 sq ft) w/outdoor display											C	C	C	C	C						•

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Rink Skating, Ice or Roller											X	X	X								
Roadside - Christmas trees											X	X	X		X	X					•
Roadside - Food Stand											C	C	C		C	C					•
Roadside - Produce Sales											X	X	X		X	X					•
Roadside - Snow Cones											C	C	C								•
Roofing Material, Sales and Storage															X	X					•
Sand, Gravel Processing and Storage																	X				
Sawmill																	X				
Scales, Commercial Weighing												C			X	X	X				
School, Art, Music, Dance, Martial Arts									X	X	X	X	X	X							
School, Driving (class A license)											X	X	X		X	X	X				•
School, Truck Driving (commercial license)															X	X	X				
Schools, Primary, Secondary	C		C	C	C	C	C				C	C	C	C				X			
Scrap Metal, Storage and Sales																	X				
Seed, Wholesale Sales												X			X	X					
Sewage Disposal Plant																	C	C	C		
Sexually-Oriented Business																X	X				
Sheet Metal Work, Custom Fabrication												C			X	X	X				
Shoe Repairing										X	X	X	X	X							
Shoe Shine Stands										X	X	X	X	X							
Shooting Gallery, Indoor												X	X								
Sign Erector, Equipment Yards															C	X	X				•
Slaughterhouses																	X				
Small Engine Repair										X	X	X	X								
Sorority/Fraternity Houses				C	C					C	C	C	C	C							
Sound System, Rental & Service, Sales										X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X				
Soy Bean Oil Manufacturing																X	X				
Sporting Goods, Retail Sales										X	X	X	X	X							
Stadium																		X			•
Steel Fabrication																	X				
Steel Manufacturing, Rolling Mills																	X				
Stock Yards (Livestock)																	X				•

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Stone Cutting and Screening																	X				
Storage Container Sales / Rental															C	X	X				•
Storage Tanks, Refinery, Distribution																	X				
Storage Yards, Bulk Material																X	X				•
Store and Office Fixtures Shop															X	X	X				
Stoves and Ranges Manufacturing																	X				
Stoves and Ranges, Wholesale Storage															X	X					
Structural Steel Manufacturing																	X				
Sugar Refining																	X				
Surgical Supplies, Wholesale, Dist.												C	C		X	X	X				
Sweeping Compound Manufacturing																	X				
Swimming Pools, Public				X	X	X					X	X	X	C				X			
Syrup and Preserve Manufacturing																X	X				
Tackle Shop, Bait, Marine Supplies											X	X	X	C	X						
Tailors, Alterations, Repair									X	X	X	X	X	X							
Tar, Distillation or Manufacturing																	X				
Tattoo Parlor											C	C			X	X	X				
Taxicab Garages												C				X					
Taxidermists												X			X	X	X				
Tennis Courts		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X					X	X		•
Theaters, Indoor											X	X	X	X				C			
Theatres, Outdoor (Drive-In)												C						C	C		•
Tire Shop											C	C	C		X	X					•
Tobacco Store										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Tool Grinding and Sharpening												X	X		X	X					
Tours, Offices & Passenger Depots										X	X	X	X	C	C						
Tractors, Retail Sales and Display												C	C		X	X					•
Trailer (Utility, Hauling) Repair, Sales												C	C		X	X					•
Trucks, Tractor Trailer, Sales, Repair												C	C		X	X					•
Trusses, Mfg. Custom and Retail															C	X	X				
Uniforms Rental, Sales										X	X	X	X	C	X	X					
Upholsterers Shop												X	X		X	X					

Permitted Uses	R-0	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	RT1	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	C-6	I-1	I-2	I-3	O-1	Con	GW	OD
Veterinarians, Clinics, Hospital										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Video Game Arcades											X	X	X	C							
Warehouse, Mini-Storage w/outdoor storage												C			X	X	X				•
Warehouse, Mini-Storage, Rental												X			X	X	X				
Warehouse, Office w/docks											C	C			X	X	X				
Warehouse, Showroom w/docks											C	C			X	X	X				
Warehouse, Storage												C			X	X	X				
Waste Paper Products, Manufacturing																	X				
Watches, Manufacturing															X	X	X				
Waterproofing Materials, Mfg.																	X				
Welding Shop, Equipment, Supplies												C			C	X	X				
Wharf																		X			
Wharf, Private Shipping Company															X	X	X	C			
Window Glass Installation Shop												X	X		X						
Window, Installation, Studio, Sales												X	X		X	X					
Wood Products, Manufacturing																	X				
Woodworking, Cabinets, Mill Work															X	X	X				
Yacht Club											X	X	X	C							
Zoological Gardens										X	X	X	X	C	X	X	X	X			•
Zoos											X	X	X	C				C	C		•

ARTICLE TWENTY TWO TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Section 22.1 - Area Description

The Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District is comprised of a mix of residential, office, commercial, and open space to generate an enhanced living environment.

Section 22.2 - Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of the TND District is to establish development regulations promoting a compact, pedestrian friendly neighborhood where streets are designed to slow traffic and buildings are designed and oriented to enhance the human interest. Design features include:

- A. Requiring that commercial buildings be near the front property line with parking oriented to rear yards.
- B. Requiring residential porches near the front property line and parking oriented off rear alleys.
- C. Allowing for the mix of commercial and residential uses to generate greater opportunity for pedestrian trips.
- D. Providing key parcels as landmark or public spaces that frame and create a sense on place.
- E. Requiring that redevelopment in the TND District be constructed where buildings are of traditional architectural styles and compatible in building structure, orientation, height, and other site spatial relationships of this regulation.

Section 22.3 - Minimum Development Size

The minimum size for any designated TND District shall be no less than 40 acres.

Section 22.4 - Master Plan

Prior to development of any TND District a general master plan layout will be reviewed and accepted by the Planning Commission to guide building and street layout. The general plan shall include the following:

- A. Street, alley and trail layout with general design standards.
- B. Designated permanent open areas.
- C. A general land use pattern, specifically designating mixed use areas and those areas restricted only to residential use.

Section 22.5 - Required Open Space

All TND Districts shall include at least 5 percent of the total area of the designated TND zone as permanent open space with no more than 40 percent of this space devoted to active recreational use. Streets shall not be counted as public open spaces. Street medians of widths greater than 10 feet may be counted as dedicated open space. Active recreation space includes development of leisure-time activities requiring equipment and formal fields. Passive recreational space involves less energetic activities such as walking, sitting, picnicking, and may include board or table games. Public gathering or open space should be provided within a 1/8 mile of all residences.

Section 22.6 - Permitted Uses

Uses within TND Districts shall follow the intent of the presented plan and those listed for the C-6, downtown district and include single family detached, zero lot line single family, duplex, triplex, condominium, apartment, as well as buildings with a combination of commercial and office with upper floor residential. In addition to the C-6 permitted use list, garage apartments shall be allowed in designated lower density zones.

Section 22.7 - Maximum Development Size

No individual commercial business shall exceed 25,000 square feet to provide for a greater mix of smaller scale businesses and avoiding the addition of “Big Box”, large single purpose, retail businesses. Planned development should not include auto oriented uses, such as drive-thru banks and drive-thru restaurants, to foster a neighborhood less dependent on automobile travel. Walk-up service windows are encouraged.

Section 22.8 - Review Procedures

Compliance with the general plan is to be verified by the Planning Commission prior to construction of roads, alleys, and open space. A Planning Commission Site Plan Review is required of all mixed-use and commercial developments. All buildings in the TND District are to be approved according to an appearance standard developed by a Traditional Neighborhood Design Review Board (TND RB) and a certificate of appropriateness issued by the TND RB approved prior to issuance of City building permits.

Section 22.9 - Residential Building Standards

- A. Orientation. The front façade and front door of all new residential structures shall be oriented towards the front of the lot so that access is readily determined from the adjoining street(s).
- B. Setbacks. Front yard, covered porches shall be allowed within 7 feet of the front property line and enclosed rooms no closer than 15 feet of the front property lines. Buildings without porches shall be allowed within 15 feet of the front property line. A front yard “build-to line” is required where single family residential structures

shall be set no farther than 15 feet of the front property line. A screened porch is declared as not enclosed. A glassed porch is declared an enclosed room.

- C. Attached garages. Residential attached garages on lots with alleys shall have the garage entrance oriented to the alley. Where no alley exists, the attached garage shall not exceed 1/3 of the front of the dwelling and the front wall of the vehicular entrance to the garage, carport, or other vehicular storage area, when oriented to the front yard, shall be constructed no closer to the street than 2 feet behind the front wall of the principal structure.
- D. Porches. Front yard residential porches are to be encouraged to generate a greater sense of neighborhood. Porches are to be of sufficient size to create a functional, sitting space and be a minimum of 6 feet in depth and be at least 40 percent of the width of the front of the house.
- E. Building Materials. Building materials are to be those common in traditional neighborhoods. Vertical, corrugated metal siding is specifically prohibited in the TND District. Specific design standards are to be adopted by a Traditional Neighborhood Design Review Board Design and elements of the design standards are to identify acceptable materials for: shutters, siding, roofing, windows, trim, soffit, gutters, downspouts, columns, railings, and chimneys.
- F. Fencing. Front yard fences shall be limited to 3.5 feet in height and be of wrought iron, simulated wrought iron or picket in design. All other provisions of Section 12.15 shall apply.
- G. Alley access. If an existing lot is adjacent to an open and used public alley, vehicular access shall be oriented to the alley. A space wider than 20 feet is required to accommodate most perpendicular parking off of the alley. Accessory garages are required to be 5 feet from the alley.
- H. Roof pitch. Minimum roof pitch for new principal structures shall be a minimum of 4:12 ratio or greater. Open porches and dormers are excluded from this requirement.
- I. Parking. Where alleys are present, parking is to be oriented to the alley. Where alleys are not provided, front yard driveways are allowed.
- J. Landscaping. Front lawn landscaping develops neighborhood character. Planting beds should be located at the building foundation and/or in isolated locations in the front and side yards that are visible from the public way. Street trees 30 foot on center, planting beds and shrubs are recommended to enhance the semi-public space.
- K. Accessory structures. See Section 12.2
- L. Height: Residential buildings adjoining the Traditional Neighborhood commercial square shall be considered as commercial buildings with the commercial height limitations. All other residential buildings are to be limited to a height of 35 feet.

Section 22.10 - Commercial Building Standards

- A. Orientation. The building fronts of all new commercial structures shall be oriented towards the primary street frontage of the lot.
- B. Setbacks. The build to line for commercial property shall be the front property line. Side and rear building setbacks shall be established by the Planning Commission during the Site Plan Review procedure.
- C. Height. Commercial buildings within 300 feet of a Traditional Neighborhood commercial square are allowed a building height of 45 feet. When a parking garage is provided with the commercial buildings on the Traditional Neighborhood commercial square, the building height may be 55 feet. All other commercial buildings shall have a building height of 35 feet.
- D. Alley Access. Commercial development should be designed to incorporate alleys and where present, parking shall be oriented to the alley.
- E. Parking. On-street, parallel parking is permissible in front of commercial buildings. Angled or perpendicular parking is discouraged, except for unusual and approved circumstances. On-site parking in front of commercial buildings is discouraged. For all other onsite parking requirements, see Article Thirteen.
- F. Store Fronts. The first floor of commercial buildings shall not have less than 60 percent window coverage.
- G. Signs. Freestanding or pole signs are prohibited in the TND District. Ground mounted signs shall be limited to 16 square feet in size and non-illuminated. All other provisions of Section 14.25 shall apply.
- H. Screening Requirements. See Article 15.

Section 22.11 - Variance Requests

Variance requests are to be directed to the Board of Adjustment, Section 19.1.

Section 22.12 - Street Design Standards

- A. Residential.
 - 1. One-way streets with no on-street parking shall have a minimum paving surface width of 12 feet.
 - 2. One-way streets with on-street, parallel parking shall have a minimum paving surface width of 20 feet.
 - 3. Two-way streets with no on-street parking shall have a minimum paving surface width of 20 feet.

4. Two-way streets with on-street, parallel parking on both sides shall have a minimum paving surface width of 27 feet.

B. Commercial and Mixed Use.

1. One-way streets with no on-street parking shall have a minimum paving surface width of 15 feet.
2. One-way streets with on-street, parallel parking shall have a minimum paving surface width of 22 feet.
3. Two-way streets with no on-street parking shall have a minimum paving surface width of 24 feet.
4. Two-way streets with on-street, parallel parking on both sides shall have a minimum paving surface width of 32 feet.

C. Traffic Calming. A traffic calming structure should be included every 600 feet on all TND roadways. Acceptable structures include traffic circles, chicanes, intermittent medians, and short length streets. The use of speed humps is discouraged.

D. Sidewalks. Sidewalks shall be installed on both sides of all streets, constructed to adopted ADA standards.

E. Street Trees and Landscaping. Street trees, 30 feet on center, are required on all streets to provide pavement shading and improve TND District aesthetics. All parking areas with over 10 parking spaces shall have parking lot shading with no less than 1 shade tree per 6 parking spaces.